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INTRODUCTION

There can be little doubt if you are interested in history you also are interested in genealogy, especially the genealogy of your own family, for "The history of the world is in the last analysis but the history of the individual." According to William Barrett "man is a historical being, that is his uniqueness among all other animals and he can never be understood apart from his history." In Goethe's Iphigenia in Tauris it is written, "Happy he who with high regard looks back upon his father's father who with pride recounts their deeds of Grace and in himself values the latest in the fair chain of noble sequence." Our nation builds upon its past, step by step, and the individual citizen emerges from his special environment formed by his immediate family and including ancestors, even remote ones.

Most of the world's great statesmen had a profound knowledge of history. No one can be a competent judge of the course his country is steering unless he knows where it has rocked at anchor, at what ports it has called in the past and when it has been becalmed and through what storms it has passed. Genealogical studies make a living story of your country's history come alive. Especially is this true if the early members of a family lived here and were a part of the country's growth from precolonial days and participated in the spread of the population to the west and southwest. This was true of those who bore the name of Gwin, Gwynne, Gwyn, Gwinn, etc.

Members of the Gwin family were among the early settlers of this country along the Atlantic Seaboard. The name appears in Massachusetts not long after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620, in Virginia quite early after Jamestown was settled in 1607 and in Pennsylvania at the time William Penn settled there. There were other Gwins who settled early in Maryland and in North and South Carolina. These early arrivals built homes in the wilderness and multiplied. They took an active part in the early life of the Colonies and helped fight the Indian Wars. Their descendants moved west and southwest with the tide of migration seeking adventure, new and cheaper land and better hunting grounds. This book attempts to trace some of the migration of these Gwins.

Genealogical information of the pioneer days of our country is difficult to find and when found is apt to be sketchy and confusing. People were on the move and were little interested in personal or family records, such

as dates of births and deaths or family connections. Fires were frequent and even official records kept in Court Houses and other public buildings were often destroyed. Families scattered and often lost trace of their near relatives as well as all knowledge of ancestors. Valuable information about family lines is often passed down from one generation to another but is finally lost if not recorded. The author recalls that when a boy his grandfather, John Gwin, once tried to tell him about his people "back in Virginia." I was quite uninterested at the time and gave him no encouragement to continue and I remember nothing about the conversation except that his people came from Virginia. A proper interest likely would have provided information which it has taken years to uncover and some records are still missing. I believe we should interest and instruct our children about our family history. Historians are compelled to spend years in research. This is often equally true for genealogists. In the case of Bancroft forty years elapsed between the appearance of the first volume of the History of the United States and the last volume. Parkman made seven trips to Europe and spent a lifetime in searching out original documents for his studies of our pioneer days. It has been reported that Freeman employed over 100 research workers to gather documents for his life of George Washington.

The documents needed in genealogical research in this country often have been scattered to the winds and many are missing. Generally, official records were kept of financial transactions, including deeds of land and other properties and are still available. Records of military service is also generally available although early military records gave little more than names and dates of service. Official records of births and deaths most needed in genealogical work were not widely kept in the early days. Research workers in family histories have found some of the most dependable records in church histories, in family Bibles sometimes kept for several generations, in old letters and from tombstones in old cemeteries. The Quaker organization provided for some member to be responsible for family records so it is not so difficult to trace the history of Quaker families. The Daughters of the American Revolution Library and the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., have large collections of documentary materials on American genealogy which is available for researchers. The D.A.R. Library has collected much information about family lines through their local Chapters from most counties in every state.

The purpose of this book is not only to give such information as is available about the Gwins, especially the early Gwins in America, but also to make it practical for many to trace their family connection with the past, especially through the use of the tables which are included. The chapter on Letters and Documents gives copies of material which not only provides the source for some of the information given in the tables and elsewhere but also gives interesting and historical information about the Gwin family.

Much of the material in this book has been taken from records compiled by Miss Vera Gwin, who was the great-grand-daughter of John Gwin, b. 1784. The author worked with Miss Gwin in collecting some of this information about the Gwin family lines and at her death her records became available to him. She searched for several years in her attempt to trace not only the Gwin line but for information about her maternal ancestors. She kept a careful record well organized of all information she secured in her search.

The author apologizes in advance for errors of commission and omission. There will be mistakes and in many instances information about some branches of the Gwin family will be missing, due mostly to lack of the necessary facts or to mistakes in the original source information. It is hoped that those who have corrections to offer or addition information to give, will feel free to write the author. If enough additions and changes are offered and if enough interest is indicated perhaps a revised edition may be justified.

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1692 - 1745

CHAPTER I

EARLY GWIN FAMILIES IN AMERICA

The name Gwin may be spelled in several ways and yet represent related or the same family branch. The usual spellings are Gwin, Gwinn, Gwynne, Gwyn, Gwynn, Guin and Wynne. Sometimes the change in spelling was made in Europe before the family migrated and sometimes after arrival in America. There are few surnames in America that have not been changed many times. While the roots of our system of family names may be traced back to early civilized times, actually the hereditary surname as we know it today dates from a time scarcely earlier than 900 years ago. True surnames in the sense of hereditary designations date in England from about 1000 A.D., but even by 1465 hereditary names were not universal. During the reign of Edward V a law was passed to compel Irish tribes to adopt surnames. Many surnames of today which are difficult to classify or explain are corruptions of ancient forms. Longfellow was originally Longueville, Diggers was Douglas, Winch was Renshaw and Gwin and Wynn were Gwynedd. Variations have resulted from ignorance in spelling, variations in pronunciation or merely from preference. Those Americans, who possess old and honored names and who can trace the history of their surnames back to sturdy immigrant ancestors or even beyond to the Old World and into the dim past, should be proud of their heritage.

In referring to the Gwins, Gwyns, etc., in general and not in reference to any particular person or branch of the family we shall spell the name as GWIN. There were many Gwins among the early pioneers. We should all be interested in tracing our family lines and in learning the history of our ancestors, for such a study represents an interesting and intriguing approach to the history of our country. A study of the individual family records, and certainly a study of the Gwins, makes our pioneer history come alive. "The present contains the past" in the history of families as well as in all history.

Early family records are incomplete and sometimes entirely missing but such information as still exists show that Gwins were among the early arrivals all along the eastern coast. According to Mrs. Pittman in Americans Gentle Birth and their Ancestors, "one of the descendents

of Owain Gwinedd (Gwin, Gwynn) Esq., was a large contributor to the sustenance of the American Colonies in 1610. Capt. Owin Gwynn, Esq., is in the list of Lords, Esquires, etc., who came to America under the Third Charter in 1611." He was the son of Sir John Wynn of the Wynn family who lived at Gwydir Castle in Wales. (The Wynns and Gwynns were of the same family.) At the death of his elder brother, Sir Richard Wynn, Baronet of Gwydir in 1649, Capt. Owin Gwynn succeeded to the Baronetcy. He married Grace, daughter of Hugh Williams. Their son, Col. Hugh Gwynne, may be considered as the first Gwin to settle permanently in America.

VIRGINIA

Col. Hugh Gwynne was an early settler in Gloucester County, Virginia and was a member of the Virginia House of Burgess in Jamestown, 1652-1690. Some of the descendents of Hugh Gwynne changed their name to Gwin, Gwinn or Gwyn. Col. Hugh Gwynne was very prominent in the early Colonial days and was closely associated with the Washingtons, the Reades, the Randolphs, the Carters and other leaders of that time. The name Hugh Gwynne (Gwyn, Gwin) occurs frequently in the Colonial records. He is known to have owned, in addition to Gwynne Island, 6000 acres on the Potomac in Westmoreland County and 700 acres in Isle of Wight County. Not much is known about Col. Hugh Gwynne's family as Gloucester County records were destroyed but Media Research gives his children as Elizabeth, Hugh, and Rev. John. Rev. John came over in Cromwell's time and was pastor of Abington and Ware Parishes. He is recorded as the father of Edmund Gwin who married Lucy Bernard. They were the parents of Lucy and John Gwin. There may have been earlier arrivals of Gwins in America, but if so none of them represent permanent settlers. It is recorded in Americans of Gentle Birth that Capt. Peter Wynne, of the King's Council, came over with Capt. Newport on the ship Mary and Margaret. It should be repeated here that the Gwyns and Wynns are from the same family line in the Old World.

Col. Edmund Gwin from Ireland was another early settler in Virginia. He went to Pittsylvania County and is reported to have been massacred by early Indians. It is known that at least some, and perhaps all the Gwins from Ireland originally came from Wales. Col. Edmund Gwin had a son, George Holmes Gwin, who died in 1796. His Will has been often quoted in early history publications and is as follows:

"In the name of God, Amen, I, George Holmes Gwin of the County of Pittsylvania, State of Virginia, being weak of body, but of perfect sense and memory, thank God for it, do make this my last Will and Testament:

FIRST, I give my soul to God, the maker of it, in hope of a perfect resurrection.

SECOND, my body to dust be buried in Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors. My worldly goods which it has pleased God to bless me with, after paying my lawful debts, I dispose of in the following manner:

ITEM — I give unto my beloved wife, Elizabeth Gwin, the plantation where I now live during her natural life. Also two negroes, Philos and Amey, and all horses, cattle, hogs, and sheep with all my plantation tools and household goods, and after her death be given to my son, Thomas Gwin.

ITEM — I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Martha Bostick, one negro woman, Lucy, and increase.

ITEM — I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Nancy Southerland, one negro girl, Homeal, and increase.

ITEM — I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Elizabeth Fallen, one negro girl, Philas, and increase.

ITEM — I give unto my son, John Gwin, that part of my land on the south side of Sandy River beginning on Sandy River at a poplar about the deep hole. Also a negro boy, Joe.

ITEM — I give unto my son, Jesse Gwin, that part of my land on the north side of the said river beginning on the east side of Rocky Branch, thence up the branch to Wilson's line to the river at the Bear Garden line; also one negro boy, Lacy, one bay mare, and one sorrel horse.

ITEM — I give to my son, Holmes Gwin, one negro, Stephen.

ITEM — I give to my son, Littlebury, one negro, Roger.

ITEM — I give to my son, Josiah Gwin, one negro, Amey, and land on Sandy River; also tools and stock lent to my wife.

LASTLY, I leave my two beloved sons, John Gwin and

Jesse Gwin, to be my sole Executors of this, my last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal this the 11th day of October 1794.

Witnesses: Thomas Duncan
James Robinson SGN. GEO. HO. GWIN"
Matthew Sparks

Three of his sons, John, b. about 1755, Jesse, b. 1758 and Thomas, b. 1772, migrated to Harrison County, Indiana in 1802. Descendants of these Gwins are found later, often prominent in business in Harrison, Floyd and Dubois Counties in Indiana.

Robert Gwinn and his family from Orange County, Wales, came to America, settling in North Carolina sometime early in 1700 or at least sometime before 1745. Cleek, in "Early Western (Augusta County, Virginia) Pioneers," says Robert Gwinn arrived in America shortly after 1715 and had three brothers, John who married Alice ....., William and Patrick who married Janet ..... One son, David, is known to have come over at the expense of one John Peoples, Sr., to whose service he thus became bound. David must have gone directly to Highland County, Virginia or what was then Augusta County, for he became well known as an extensive land owner in the Virginia Valley on the Jackson River. Among his holdings was the entire acreage once held by his wealthy master. Capt. David Gwinn became a famous Revolutionary War hero and Indian fighter and is buried in Highland County, Virginia.

His father, Robert Gwinn, moved from North Carolina to Highland or Augusta County, Virginia, sometime before 1745 and also became an Indian fighter and a Revolutionary War hero.

Robert Gwinn's sons were Capt. David, b. 1742, d. 1822; James, b. about 1744; Robert, b. about 1746; Simon, b. about 1748; Samuel, b. 1751, d. 1837; and Joseph, b. about 1753. George W. Cleek, in his "Early Western (Augusta County, Virginia) Pioneers," names another son, Thomas, who married Elizabeth Lockridge in 1800 and went to Kentucky.

Capt. David Gwinn is perhaps the best known descendant of Robert Gwinn. Capt. David Gwinn's descendants are scattered over many states. He was married first to

Jane Carlisle (1770) and in 1790 to Viola Crawford. He had the following children by his first wife — Agnes, b. 1771, John b. 1772, James, Mary, Elizabeth, Jane b. 1780, Sarah b. 1782, Nancy b. 1784 and Robert b. 1785. The children by his second wife were Isabella, Margaret, Rachel, Susan, David Stephenson.

Isabella, who married Capt. William Hogshead, gave a verbal account of her father and his family according to her memory to A. R. Gwinn. She was then 80 years old. This account, which was recorded by A. R. Gwinn and is included in the chapter on Letters and Documents, states that David Gwinn was the father of Samuel and James. As stated, other historical accounts do not agree but clearly state that Capt. David, Samuel, James and the others were all sons of Robert.

Two of Robert's sons, Robert and Simon, are reported to have moved to Kentucky but no verified records are available of them or their families. They may have gone directly from North Carolina to Kentucky or from Virginia.

Two of the sons of Robert, James and Samuel, moved to Greenbrier County, Virginia, now Monroe County, West Virginia, in about 1770 where they reared large families and many of their descendants are living there now and in other parts of the State.

Samuel Gwinn, b. 1751, married first Elizabeth Speece and second Elizabeth Lockridge Graham. He had nine children by the first marriage and seven by the second. Samuel moved from Lowell to Lick Creek in 1800. He was 94 years old when he died in 1837.

James Gwinn, born about 1744, who moved with Samuel to Monroe County (this was then still Virginia), settled on Keller's Creek on what is now known as the Laban Gwinn farm. He left four sons, Robert, James, Jr., Joseph and Samuel. James, Jr., was appointed Ensign by the first county court of Monroe County. There is a report that James, Jr., was the first white child born in Monroe County.

James, Sr.'s, son, Joseph, had five sons, two of these, Sylvester and James, migrated first to Wayne County, Indiana and then to Madison County (about 1841). There are many of their descendants and the descendants of Samuel, their cousin, living there now and some are highly successful business men.

Samuel Gwinn, Sr., b. 1751, had a grandson, Ephraim J. (son of Samuel) b. 1799,1,14 at Lowell, West Virginia. It was E. J. Gwinn who, while drilling for salt, discovered in its place sulphur water, from which the well known Green Sulphur Springs is the result. (Ref. J. A. Miller, History of Summers County).

Samuel Gwinn, son of James, Sr., married Magdalena Johnson and settled on the James Boyd farm at Little Bend Tunnel.

OTHER GWIN FAMILIES IN VIRGINIA

Vol. 1, p. 706, Condensed Compendium of American Genealogy records a Richard Gwin who lived near Jamestown, Virginia, who left property in his Will to his grandson, John Gwin, "who was a Captain in the French and Indian Wars." This same source, Vol. 8, p. 316, refers to John Gwin, Capt., "who migrated from Augusta County to Greene County, Tennessee."

Bartlett Gwinn married Catherine Sembray in 1757. Among their children were Benjamin, b. 1757, 3, 5 in Goochland County, Virginia and Bartholomew, b. 1765, 8, 8 in Halifax County, Virginia. He was married in 1785 to Suzanna Mullens and afterwards (1806) went to Cocke County, Tennessee. (Ref. Genealogical Records Thomas Nelson Chapter, D.A.R.).

Capt. John Gwin, a Revolutionary War soldier who moved to Seviers County, Tennessee, was the grandson of Richard Gwin who lived near Jamestown, Virginia.

Humphries Gwynn, b. 1796 in Richmond County, Virginia, d. 1852. In 1820 he moved to Kentucky. He had a son, b. 1822 in Logan County, Kentucky, who became a Judge.

It is recorded in Biography and Souvenir of Georgia, p. 348, that three Guinn brothers came from Scotland in early Colonial days. Two of them settled in Virginia and the third, whose name we do not have, after a short residence in Virginia went to Tennessee. John Guinn, one of these brothers, went from Virginia to North Carolina. He was the father of Robert A. Guinn, whose son, Minor Guinn, was born in South Carolina but later moved to Georgia. He was a planter.

The abridged Compendium of American Geneology, Vol. 1, p. 925 and 423, records:

John Scott Gwynne was living in Virginia before 1699. He died in 1731.

Capt. John Gwynn, born before 1731.

John Gwynn, b. 1760 — d. 1809.

John Gwynn, b. 1796 — d. 1871.

NORTH CAROLINA

Several of the early Gwins are known to have settled in North Carolina in addition to Robert Gwinn. Thomas Hickerson in his book, Happy Valley, deals with the history of the Gwynns, Lenoirs and allied families in Yadkin Valley of North Carolina. It is evident that the Gwyns in that valley trace their ancestors back to Col. Hugh Gwynne of Gloucester County, Virginia, though the destruction of old Gloucester records during the two wars left gaps that make impossible the complete tracing of the Col. Hugh Gwynne family history. Hugh Gwyn, b. 1702, d. 1768, who lived at Gwynville on Gwynn Island and served for 42 years on the vestry of Kingston Parish, Virginia, in Matthews County, is considered to have been the grandson of Col. Hugh Gwynne. This Hugh Gwyn married first Peyton Humphry and second, Lucy Reade. A son of the first marriage was Richard Gwyn, b. 1738, d. 1777, who married Sarah Ransome. They moved to North Carolina and settled at Green Hill in the Yadkin Valley.

There were early Gwyn settlers in Caswell County, North Carolina. Among the first recorded in the Land Deed Books is Daniel Gwyn, b. 1751, d. 1809. Among his descendants are Zeri Gwyn and Rice Gwyn. Descendants of these are now found in Danville, Virginia.

L. A. Gwinn was a member of the House of Commons from Caswell County in 1777. He was a delegate to amend the Constitution in 1835.

John Gwin married Sarah Harper, February 26, 1782, in Rowan County, North Carolina.

In Orange County, North Carolina, the Will of Mordecai Gwinn, probated in 1785, lists his children as Edward, John, Mordecai, Mary, Sarah and Elizabeth.

In Orange County the Will of Daniel Gwinn gives his children as William and Polly.

Peter Gwin married Sarah Taylor, November 21, 1769, in Rowan County, North Carolina.

MASSACHUSETTS

Some Gwins who migrated to America in the 17th Century but who left few records of their families or descendants, were John Gwin of Charleston, Massachusetts. He settled there in 1648 and moved to Boston in 1660. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Gilles. He died in 1669, leaving two children.

Other early settlers were Thomas Gwin of Boston (before 1660) and David Gwyn of Richmond, Massachusetts, who died in 1704.

PENNSYLVANIA

Many Gwins appeared early in Pennsylvania. Morris Gwin came to America about 1706-12 and was one of these early settlers. He produced a certificate from Pembroke, Wales in 1710. His children were Joseph, John, Mary and Hannah.

Joseph Gwynn came from London, England prior to the Revolution and settled in Greene County, Pennsylvania. He is known to have gone from there to Cuba but returned to Greene County. His son, Joseph, Jr., b. 1789, d. 1864, settled on the "Tomahawk Claim." He served in the War of 1812 and farmed the home place throughout all his life. He had a son, Josiah, b. 1812, 10, 20 who had eight children. (Ref. History of Greene County, Pennsylvania, by Samuel F. Bates.)

John Gwin, a native of Scotland, came to Philadelphia some time prior to the Revolution. He served in the American army during the Revolution and afterwards married and moved to Franklin County, Pennsylvania. His son, Alexander, b. 1791, learned the trade of a millwright and erected the first mill built on the headwater of the Juanita River. (Ref. Encyclopedia of Blair County, Pennsylvania, p. 355.)

Alexander Gwin, b. December 1807, d. 1848. His father, Patrick Gwin, was Sheriff of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania.

MARYLAND

There were many Gwyns who settled rather early in Maryland but most of these came from other states. Many of the Maryland Gwyns claim descent from Hugh Gwynne

of Gloucester County, Virginia, or from Robert Gwinn of Highland County, Virginia. Some of the early names in Maryland Histories are:

John Gwinn, who enlisted in the Revolutionary War in 1777. He married Julia Street in 1785 and d. 1800, 9, 6.

Charles Gwinn, merchant and importer of West India products, had a son, Charles John Morris Gwinn, b. 1822, who was Attorney General of Maryland. He was married in 1857 to Matilda Johnson. (Ref. History of Baltimore, Maryland, by Lewis History Publishing Company, Vol. 3.)

Early Maryland marriage records show John Gwinn married Jean Ludwell Bruce, December 22, 1779.

Bennett Gwynn, b. 1769 in Prince George County, Maryland. His Will was filed in 1826. He married Mary Belt. His children were Thomas Belt, b. 1796 (about), John Hillery, b. 1798, William Hillery, Jr., b. 1801 (about) and Ann. They have many descendants still in Maryland.

John Gwinn's Will, which gives some early history of the Gwinns in Maryland (Ref. Annapolis Wills, Md., p. 21), was as follows:

"To eldest daughter, Mary H. Williams, one cow, calf and silver money

To son, Joseph (eldest)

To youngest son, Benjamin, land bought of Wm. Cage and Margaret, his wife, in Charles County, Maryland

To daughter, Ann, a negro, Betty

To wife, Ann, land bought in partnership with Wm. Barton Hungerford and the mill. At her death to go to my eldest son, Joseph.

Wife, Ann — Executrix

Witnesses: John Harris, Joseph Ivy and Robert Yates

Probated 28 September 1734."

One of the early settlers in Maryland from Wales was John Gwinn who married Mary Whitehead. Their children were:

John Dove Gwinn	married Elizabeth Whitehead
Richard Gwinn	married Nancy Coleman
Miner Gwinn	married Mary Melton
Mary Gwinn	married John Shelly
Nancy Gwinn	married Elijah Shelly

Ref. Maryland Heraldry History of Distinguished Families.

In addition to the Gwynns of Gwynn Island, whose descendants are found in Maryland, there is another line of descent from the Wynnes of Gwydir Castle, Wales, many of whose descendants are in Maryland and several in Baltimore. These are the descendants of Dr. Thomas Wynne, who came to Pennsylvania with William Penn in the ship Welcome in 1682. He is said to have been of Bron-Vadog near Caerwys, Wales, b. in 1630, son of Peter Wynne of Leewood and the Tower of Caerwys, Flintshire, Wales, and a descendant of Sir John Wynne of Gwydir Castle. In connection with this line it should be mentioned that William Wynne, Esq., sixth son of Sir John Wynne, was Prothonotary of Wales and acquired the Merioneth Estate in 1667. He married Jane Lloyd, daughter of Thomas Lloyd, and had a son, Richard Wynne. (Ref. Maryland Heraldry History of Distinguished Families.)

SOUTH CAROLINA

The 1790 census of South Carolina shows the following Guinns:

Mary	family of 3	— Beauford District
George	family of 3	— Beauford District
Daniel	family of 6	— York County
John	family of 4	— Edgefield County
Morris	family of 11	— Edgefield County
John	family of 6	— Fairfield County
Daniel	family of 8	— Richland County
Chris	family of 4	— Cheraw District
Asa	family of 7	— Cheraw District
Jere	family of 2	— Cheraw District
Cader	family of 3	— Cheraw District
Robert	family of 4	— South Port
John	family of 7	— Greenville

South Carolina early records show a John Gwin who married Mildred Reade. They had a son, John, who married Catherine Ricketts in 1739, 3, 7 and they had a son, John Nicholas Gwin, b. 1745, who was a Revolutionary soldier, and these other children, Richard Hugh Gwin, b. 1747, Mary Reade Gwin, b. 1749, George Ricketts Gwin, b. 1751, Roger Moore Gwin, b. 1753, Catherine Gwin, b. 1755, and Elizabeth Ann Gwin, b. 1757. John Nicholas Gwin married Mary Giroud in 1763. They had one son,

John Lancelot Bland Gwinn, b. 1771, 12, 1, d. 1840, 9, 5. He fought in the Indian Wars. (Ref. Charleston, S. C. Will Books.)

There are records of many other Gwins who were early settlers in Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. These Gwin families seem to be, however, mostly descendants of the immigrants who first settled in other states along the Eastern Seaboard.

The Gwins were true pioneers. Most of them were farmers who acquired large land holdings. They were restless pioneers and Indian fighters who moved to some western states while these states were still occupied by Indians. How they must have traveled! In studying early records you read of the original families in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, but you find their children far away — some were in Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, and even Texas. Others have settled in Ohio, Indiana, Iowa and as far away as California.

One cannot help but wonder how our ancestors made these often long and difficult journeys in those early days. We know they followed established trails most of the time, the valleys and rivers. The men when alone went on foot or horseback, but families and groups of families used covered wagons and often ox carts. We know many of the Gwins followed the well known trails from Virginia down the Shenandoah Valley either to North Carolina or even over into Tennessee and then north or west into Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and farther west.

INDIAN FIGHTERS

The early Gwins were closely associated with the Indian tribes. There is an often repeated story that Col. Hugh Gwynne received Gwynne Island at the mouth of the Rappahannock River as a gift from the Indian Princess Pocahontas because he rescued her from drowning.

Robert Gwinn of Highland County, Virginia and some of his sons, especially Capt. David, Samuel and James, were noted Indian fighters. Samuel, b. 1751, was with the troops who fought the Indians at Point Pleasant on Gwynne Island, Virginia, and James, b. 1744, was living nearby at the time of the Glendenin Massacre in 1763. This massacre is described in Miller's History of Monroe County as follows:

"In 1763 Muddy Creek was visited under friendly pretense by the Indians under Chief Cornstalk. They first feasted on three deers killed by Mr. Clendenin and at a signal killed every man and made prisoners of the women and children. The Indians then went to the Big Levels Settlement and did the same. Conrad Yokum hid and was the only man to escape." The settlers left this area following the massacre and did not return until about 1770.

SOME PROMINENT GWINS

Among the Gwins who had a prominent part in early American history in addition to Hugh Gwynne already mentioned, should be the name of Button Gwinnett, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He came from Wales to Savannah, Georgia, via Bristol, England, and Charleston, South Carolina. Back in Wales in the early days, as will be discussed in the chapter on the Gwins in Europe, Owen Gwynedd, a Prince of Wales, and the Gwyns had the same ancestors. The Gwynedd, Gwynne, Gwyn, Gwin and Wynn families are of exceedingly ancient origin, antedating the Christian era. (Ref. Americans of Gentle Birth by Pittman.)

Senator William M. Gwin of California, b. October 9, 1805, was the son of Rev. James Gwin, a distinguished Methodist minister. Senator Gwin was a brother of Samuel Gwin, a prominent business man of Mississippi. Jay G. Cisco in his History of Summer County, Tennessee, p. 251, gives this account of Senator Gwin:

"Dr. Gwin was elected to Congress in 1841 and served one term, declining renomination. Previous to his election he extensively speculated in lands and had amassed a large fortune, much of which was dissipated during his term of office. He is said to have spent $75,000 a year during his term in Congress in high living and entertaining. Tradition has it that on the occasion when General Jackson was in financial distress his friend, Gwin, offered to buy the Hermitage in Tennessee, which he proposed to present to his father for a residence.

"In 1845 he was defeated for the United States Senate, and the same year removed to New Orleans to superintend the construction of the custom-house. He laid the foundation of the building, and proceeded with the work until General Tyler became President, when he resigned and set out for California, where he arrived on June 4, 1849. The establishment of a State Government was the absorbing

topic, and Mr. Gwin immediately entered into the discussion. He was elected to the convention which met at Monterey in September to frame a Constitution.

"The first legislature met in the ensuing December and elected John C. Fremont and William M. Gwin, United States Senators. He was said to have been the first to propose a railroad to connect the Atlantic and the Pacific."

Capt. John Gwinn, b. 1791, d. 1849, was Commander of the old warship, U.S.S. Constitution — Old Ironsides. He was married in 1823 to Caroline S. Lynch. Capt. Gwinn died in Palermo Bay, Italy, and was buried in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His remains were later removed to Arlington Cemetery, Virginia.

Alice Claypool Gwynne married Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt in 1867. Her parents were Abraham Evan Gwynne and Rachel Flagg More. Her grandfather was Major David Gwynne (d. 1849), U. S. War of 1812. (Ref. Happy Valley, Hickerson, p. 30.)

MINISTERS

There were several well known ministers among the early Gwynns, one of whom was Rev. John Gwyn, son of Col. Hugh Gwynne of Gloucester County, Virginia. He served in Ware and Abington Parishes from 1672 until 1680. He had two sons, Jack and Edmund. The latter married Lucy Barnard.

Rev. James A. Gwinn, a noted Methodist minister of Tennessee and other states, was the father of Senator William M. Gwin of California, and Samuel Gwin, a prominent business man of Mississippi. The children of Rev. James Gwinn were Col. Samuel, Asa, Margaret, b. 1800, Thomas, Senator William M., b. 1805, Catharine, Elizabeth and Alexander M.

We have found no information giving the ancestors of Rev. James Gwinn, though Morton in his History of Monroe County, 1916, says in speaking of Samuel Gwinn, Sr., b. 1751, "Many of his descendants are in the west, among them the late Senator William M. Gwin of California, who was the son of Rev. James A. Gwinn." We have seen no other statement to this effect. The book, Methodism in Tennessee, says in referring to Rev. James A. Gwinn that "Mr. Gwinn was an early settler in Tennessee and lived in Summer County. This church publica-

tion, under the title Recollections in the West, quotes Mr. Gwinn as follows: "In the fall of 1791 I passed through the Wilderness with about twenty families and reached the Cumberland settlement in safety though the Indians were very troublesome." Mr. Gwinn also wrote, "we were hunters by profession, our home was in the wilderness and our employment the chase."

The James Gwin records are often confused because there were three James Gwins, all born in 1768. They can be separated because the dates of their deaths are different.

Rev. D. William Gwin was a Baptist minister of note as well as a scholar and writer. He was the son of David S. Gwin and a grandson of Capt. David Gwinn, b. 1742.

AN HISTORICAL ESTATE

One of the most historical of the early homes in Tidewater Virginia is Mt. Airy on the Rappahannock River near Warsaw. It is still occupied by the direct descendants of the original owner and builder, Col. John Tayloe, son of John Tayloe. Col. Tayloe was a close friend of George Washington and other leaders of Colonial days. His father, John Tayloe, married Elizabeth Gwyn, niece of Col. Hugh Gwynne and daughter of Major David Gwyn of Essex County, Virginia. Their children married into prominent families. One descendant, Rebecca, married Frances Lightfoot Lee, Signer of the Declaration of Independence. There is a beautiful large painting of Elizabeth Gwyn Tayloe hanging in the dining room of the Tayloe mansion. She descended direct from Sir John Wynn, the father of Major David Gwyn. Her father, Major David Gwyn, made a Will which was probated in 1704, 3, 8 in Richmond County which gives the names of the members of his family:

THE WILL:

To daughter Elizabeth Gwyn
To daughter Sarah Gwyn
To daughter Katherine Gwyn
To sister-in-law Elizabeth Gwyn, wife of Benjamin of Bristol, England
To brother Edward Gwin, Clerk of Wales
To wife Catherine Gwyn
To sister my estate in Wales
To son-in-law William Fauntleroy
To son-in-law Moore Fauntleroy
To son-in-law Griffin Fauntleroy

Ref. Colonial Dames of America Register of Ancestors, p. 470.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR — WAR OF 1812

Revolutionary War Records show that many Gwins served in that war. There were more than 20 Gwins just from the state of Virginia, including the following, "Andrew, Capt. David, Jacob, Humphrey, Lieutenant James, John, Peter, Thomas, William, Willis, Willitt, Edmund, Edward, Francis, Jesse, Joseph, Owin, Amuel and Frederick (also recorded as Gwin, Gwyn, Gwynn, Guin and Guinn.) There also were many from the other states of that period, including the following from Pennsylvania — Charles, George, Michael, Thomas and William Guinn or Guin and Daniel, John, James, Patrick, Thomas and William Gwin or Gwinn.

John Gwin, b. Dec. 15, 1764 in Orange County, North Carolina, served in the Revolutionary War — at one time under Capt. William Gwin, who may have been his brother. He had another brother, Edward. (Ref. U. S. Pension Records, Vol. 20).

Andrew Gwinn is recorded in Pension Records as having enlisted in the Revolutionary War in 1776 from Augusta County, Virginia "as a private soldier belonging to the 12th Virginia Regiment." He served three years.

Samuel Gwinn, b. 1751, son of Robert, gives the following information of his Revolutionary War Service in his application for a pension, dated 1835 (Pension Records) — "I was born in Augusta County, Virginia; I am in my 83rd year; Was in the War of 1774; enlisted under Capt. Gwinn (this was his brother, Capt. David) and went to Point Pleasant (on Gwynne Island) where we had a severe battle with the Indians in 1776. I moved to Monroe County with my wife and children for a year or two and then moved to a block house (because of Indians). I returned to my cabin and to my hunting, although people of the settlements took their families to the fort in the summer months."

Revolutionary Soldiers, p. 344, records "The decoration of Adam Arbogast, Nov. 6, 1832, age 72; served as an Indian spy under Capt. John McCoy and Joseph Gwinn."

Military Records of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 1773-1783, p. 3, state, "September 27, 1775, Richard Gwynn nominated as a Captain. At court held January 28, 1779, Jeffree Johnson recommended to be commissioned as an officer under Capt. Richard Gwynn."

The Revolutionary services of Jesse Gwin, b. 1758 (son of George Holmes Gwin), are described in an affidavit in Pension Records by David Kirby, filed November 1837 as follows, "That Jesse Gwin of said county of Pittsylvania was a Revolutionary soldier; that he was attached to Capt. Perkin's Company and was at Gwynne Island when Governor Dunmore was driven from that place in the year 1776 and that the said Jesse Gwin marched from that place to Hampton Roads against the Indians and that this deponent was a soldier at the same time in the said services."

David Gwynne of Cincinnati, Ohio, was a First Lieutenant in the 19th Infantry, U. S. Army, in the War of 1812.

Pension Papers, Vol. 20, record a John Gwin from Carroll County, Tennessee. He was born in Orange County, North Carolina, December 15, 1764. He served in the Revolutionary War at one time under Capt. William Gwin. The war records show he had two brothers, Edward and William.

Benjamin Guinn of Spottsylvania County, b. 1758, d. 1822, had a son, John Guinn of Culpeper, Virginia. Benjamin Guinn was a Revolutionary soldier. Further records were destroyed by fire in Culpeper.

Hugh Gwin, of Captain Baxter's Company of Pittsylvania County, Virginia and Rockingham Militia, was ordered into service by Col. Benjamin Harrison to guard a party of British prisoners to Winchester, Virginia, February 26, 1782.

LAND GRANTS

J. A. Miller in History of Summers County, West Virginia, gives accounts of Land Grants to some of the Gwins. He writes, "I have before me nine patents or grants, as originally executed by the respective Governors of the Commonwealth of Virginia, which were handed to me this day by James Gwin, the only son and child of Andrew Gwin, and who inherits the sturdy honesty and manhood of his sire. One of these patents is signed by Edmund Randolph, Governor of Virginia, and is dated on the 10th day of December 1787 and is headed as follows:

"Patent Grants to Joseph Gwinn 25 acres in the County of Monroe on the waters of Keller's Creek, a branch of the Greenbrier River.

"Another patent to James Gwinn, 400 acres lying in the County of Greenbrier, on Little Wolf Creek.

"I have another deed which is signed by Samuel Gwinn II, father of Andrew Gwinn, when he was 84 years old and is well written.

"All of these are title papers and are in good state of preservation as when issued; are written on parchment, some kind of skin; the writing is excellent, plain and legible. One of the patents especially, I notice came from an animal, and the holes made by taking out the legs still remains on the margin, and another hole in it made by taking the hide off the animal. It is unevenly trimmed but all of them are finely dressed."

Another Land Grant is recorded by the Pittsylvania, Virginia County Records by Clement, p. 35-37, states, "In June 1738, William Wynne, one of the Justices of Brunswick County, Virginia entered for 200 acres on the south side of Dan River and in 1746 Wynne and others had orders of council 4,000 and 5,000 acres on Beaver Creek; Wynnes Creek and Wynnes Falls where Danville now stands were named for him."

In Gloucester County, Virginia there was a Land Grant to Edmund Gwinn of 80 acres in 1672 and in 1684 a grant of 200 acres.

In 1790 Daniel Gwin received a grant of 610 acres for eighty four months service in the Continental Army.

David and Joseph Gwinn were both listed as having patented Land Grants in Virginia in 1783 and 1787.

Land Grant Records of Gloucester County, Virginia, Vol I, shows the following grants to Hugh Gwynne:

1700 acres in 1642
300 acres in 1652
2000 acres in 1657.

They also show 280 acres to Edmund Gwin in 1678 and 462 acres to Harry Gwin in 1753. John Gwin was granted "Part of Bordens Tract in Augusta County, Virginia in 1737."

To Elizabeth, John and William Gwynn a certain number of acres called Swans Island in Anne Arundel County, Maryland in 1810.

Benjamin and Elizabeth Gwinn in 1785 were granted a tract of land called Thoughtful Patent in Charles County, Maryland. The certificate was in the name of Joseph Gwinn.

Richard Gwinne came to Maryland in 1673 and took up 200 acres of land at Newton, Baltimore County.

In 1795 Bennett Gwin held a patent of land "stipt" in Prince George County, Maryland. Evan Gwin was granted 34½ acres in Alleghany County, Maryland in 1790.

Virginia was unable to pay her Revolutionary soldiers in cash so they were given Land Grants. Capt. David Gwynn whose holdings adjacent to each other so at his death he left substantial holdings to each of his 13 children.

CHAPTER II

THE ORIGIN OF THE GWINS IN THE OLD WORLD

Wales, the ancestral home of the Gwins, Gwyns, Wynns, etc., was inhabited in the early days by a mixed race of Celtic tribes and pre-Aryan people. This ancient race has been identified with the Basques of northern Spain. There is little doubt that the Welshmen of today are in part of the same stock as the original inhabitants of the Spanish peninsula. "The British Isles," published by McGraw-Hill, says "The Welsh are a literary nation. They are poetic, imaginative, and love learning. Even in the most isolated farm or miner's cottages there will always be found a library of books."

The Romans conquered much of Wales in 78 A.D. and held it for 360 years. After the Romans left the Welsh resumed their former clan system together with other Celtic customs.

They resisted the West Saxons for over 200 years but were conquered in battles in 577 and again in 613. From the 5th until the 11th century the history of Wales is a long history of invasions. When overcome the Welsh always retreated to the mountains and continued fighting. They were famous as long bow fighters. They were essentially a pastorial people rather than an agricultural and in early days did not inhabit towns.

The Normans invaded Wales in 1078. During these many years of almost constant fighting the Kingdom of Gwynedd or North Wales became quite powerful. An attempt was made to unite all the tribes under the rulers of Gwynedd and the Kingdom was much enlarged. About this time Wales tried to separate from England, but England won the war (1277-1284) and Wales became a part of England. Edward I gave his infant son the title of Prince of Wales. Some parts of Wales continued in rebellion until the 15th century. As the Bards wrote, "Wales was an old and haughty nation, proud in arms."

It should be explained that in compiling information about the early origin of the Gwin family abroad, we are limited to copying from the few records available in this country. Since we are copying from many different sources there may be some duplication of information and taken as it has been from very early genealogical records it will not always be understandable. Some of the material used

Gwydir Castle, Llanrwst, Wales — Gwin Ancestral Home

Chapel at Gwydir Castle

may be interesting and important only to research workers. It must be understood that the ancient peoples spelled the name in many different ways — also that the Gwynns and Wynns are of the same ancestry. The Wynns were from Owain Gwynedd's second marriage to his cousin, Christian. From his first marriage to Gwladys the main line of Gwynns is continued in his son. Further evidence of the kinship of the Gwyns and Wynns is shown in the following extract from the Calendar of Wynn (of Gwydir) Papers (1515-1690).

THE WYNN FAMILY

"Dr. John Gwyn (d. 1574) devises all his lands in Carnarvon to this brother, Griffith Wynn; also an annual rent of 40 pounds towards the maintenance of 3 fellows and 6 scholars at St. John's College, Cambridge. The tutorial burser of St. John's College writes to the author (1939) that Dr. John Gwyn had two brothers: Maurice Wynn, father of Sir John Wynn, 1st Baronet; Griffith Wynn, father of Owen Gwyn (d. 1633). He states further that there was no kind of uniformity in the 17th century as regards spelling, and that quoting Ballinger, 'the definite adoption of Wynn as the family surname began with Maurice Wynn, though one of his brothers (Dr. John Gwyn) went through life as a Gwyn'. March 17, 1611/12 Richard Gwynn (Archdeacon of Bangor) writes a business letter to his brother, Sir John Wynn of Gwydir, October 18, 1612." (Note though brothers, the surname is spelled differently.) Ref. Happy Valley by Hickerson, p. 24.

As has been stated the Gwins, Gwinns, Gwyns, Gwynnes and Wynns are of very ancient Welch origin. The Gwyns and Wynns of America are lineal descendants of the Welch line that claims Caradoc and Cynobelin as ancestors.

Caractacus, son of Synobelin, was an ancient Briton, who in A.D. 47 refused to submit to Claudius after the southeastern position of the Island of Britain had been gradually molded into a Roman Province. He ruled the Silures, who inhabited South Wales, and the Ordovices of North Wales, who with their leaders stoutly and successfully resisted invasion; and it was not until after many years of warfare that Caer Caradoc, the stronghold and home of the British leader which occupied a hill in Shropshire near the meeting of the Colon and Teme, was captured by the Romans, and with it his wife and family.

Caradoc sought refuge at the Court of Carcismandus, his step-mother, whom he had formerly befriended, but who betrayed and treacherously surrendered him to the Romans, A.D. 51. He was conveyed to Rome where his magnanimous behavior secured him the admiration of his captors and clemency at their hands. The wife of Caradoc was a daughter of Gwynn, son of Collwyn, son of the Prince of North Wales. (Ref. Americans of Gentle Birth).

GWYDIR CASTLE

An interesting memorial of the family is Gwydir Castle, Llanrwst, Wales. This beautiful castle (some of the buildings have been destroyed by two fires) may be considered truly the ancestral home of most if not all the Gwins. Most, if not all, of the destroyed buildings have recently been restored. Many Gwins from America have visited this castle. Mrs. Sarah Eliza Townsend, Oyster Bay, L.I., a lineal descendant of the Welch Gwynns, wrote as follows after her visit:

"The housekeeper, noticing among a party of some twenty tourists, my deep interest as shown in many carefully plied questions, after a substantial inducement and a whispered reason for my great interest, permitted me to return out of hours set for the tourists, and guardedly and with as much interest as if it were her own family, she unlocked for me the iron safe and showed and read to me the family history and pedigree of these Gwynns or Wynnes of Gwydir, first explaining to me the meaning of the frequent changes observed in the spelling of the name. For instance, Margaret Gwin, daughter of Robert Wynne, Mary Gwynn, daughter of Thomas Wyn, she explained to me, that they all meant white, and a Welch gentleman carefully explained to me later that tense, past or present, was involved; if I had lived in a white house, I would say a Gwyn house. If I meant to say I am now living in a white house, I should say a Winn or Wynne house. Again a daughter, born a Wynne, is no longer so after marriage; she is spoken of as born Gwin, daughter of Winne. Clear, is it not? I understand one thing, however, that the earliest spelling of the name was either G or W — Gwin, Gwyn, Gwain or Gwine." Ref. Happy Valley by Hickerson.

The following excerpt also is taken from Happy Valley by Thomas Felix Hickerson, p. 25:

"Gwydir Castle, situated about one mile from Llanrwst, North Wales, was the ancient Royal Residence of Wales. Llewelyn the Great (1194-1240), son-in-law of King John of England, was associated with Gwydir Castle and his stone coffin is to be seen in old Gwydir Chapel which adjoins Llanrwst Church. It was, however, through his descendant, David, Prince of Wales, that Gwydir in A.D. 1480 first became associated with the Wynn family. Sir John Wynn (1553-1627), first of the Baronets, lived at Gwydir. From 1480 until 1678 it remained the seat of the Wynn family. In 1922 a large part of the castle was destroyed by fire. What is left of it is still open daily (in normal times) to visitors, and is worth seeing. The grounds are kept in good order, and so also are the Dutch gardens. Close by is an Episcopal Chapel."

Another visit was made to Gwydir Castle in 1938 by Elsie Gwyn Curtis. She wrote to a relative as follows (This also is taken from Happy Valley by Hickerson):

Hotel Hand, Llangollen, North Wales

"Greetings from the auld Countree and the home of all the Gwyns and Wyns and Gwyn-edds and everything!

We are making the journey to the tombs of the ancestors, the first thing you see.

Ever read of the lovely vale of Llangollen? Well, you start right now for you come here — and not far off is the ancient seat of the family. We finally ran it down though we had it misspelled. It is Llanrwst, pronounced Lanroost. Llanrwst is a small village. The old Gwydir Church and Castle are the show things of the place.

The Castle is half a mile out and is a very sightly old place as you see. Gardens and grounds are still kept up — owned by a Col. Colts (Englishman). At present it is for sale at $25,000. Country not unlike the Yadkin Valley, except its all so green and cultivated except in the highest mountains, and they are all being re-forested. We are entranced with the country.

Also went to the estate that old Sir John Wynn owned near Chirk — named 'Wynnstuy'. Present owner is Sir Walkins Wynn — very rich and stingy — lives in only part of his house (an old Tudor style place about the size of Vanderbilt mansion — not in good repair at all). Wonderful parks and trees. He owns six estates — is 85 years

old. Has a son who is very wild and not a fit one to inherit the place."

Further information about Gwydir Chapel is given in Colonial Families of Southern States:

"Another interesting memorial of the Gwin family is Gwydir Chapel, also at Llanrwst. This beautiful structure was erected in 1633 by Sir Richard Wynne of Gwydir. At the sides of the Chapel, set in panels of wood, are several engravings on glass, illustrative of the personages interred below. In the east corner is a tablet of white marble containing the pedigree of the family, comprising a period of 500 years; another tablet, and one of especial interest to the Gwynns and Wynns of America is thus:

"The Chapel was erected A.D. 1633 by Richard Wynne of Gwydir, in the County of Carnarvon, Knight and Baronet, Treasurer of the High and Mighty Princess Henrietta Maria, Queen of England, daughter of Henry IV, King of France, and wife of our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, where lyeth buried his father, Sir John Wynne, of Gwydir, Knight and Baronet, son and heir to Morris Wynne, son and heir to John Wynne, son and heir to Meredith Wynn which three lie buried in the Church of Dolwyddelan with tombs over them."

"This Meredith was the son and heir to Evan; son and heir to Robert; son and heir to Meredith; son and heir to Howell; son and heir to David; son and heir to Griffith; son and heir to Caradoc; son and heir to Roderick, Lord of Anglesea; son and heir to Owin Gwynedd, Prince of Wales, the younger brother David, Prince of Wales, who married Emma Plantagenet, sister of King Henry II. There succeeded this David three princes; his nephew, Leolinus Magnus, who married Joan, daughter of King John; David, his son, nephew to King Henry III; and Llewelyn, the last Prince of Wales of that House and line who lived in King Edward I's time.

"Beneath an inscription in the building is a superb engraving of Dame Sarah Wynne, one of the daughters of the old chevalier Sir Thomas Middleton, of Chirk Castle, and wife of the above mentioned Sir Richard Wynne. She died June 16, 1671. The engraving was executed by William Vaughn in a degree of excellence rarely met with at that period, and may be recorded among the first productions of the age in which the artist lived.

"King Edward VII of England is a descendant of this ancient family of Gwynns, Princes of Wales."

Morton, in History of Monroe County, West Virginia, writes "David Gwinn was the ruler of one of the sub divisions of Wales and Sir Roland Gwynn was the author of the Compact to stand by William of Orange when he was invited to become King of England in 1688."

Capt. John Gwynne, of the same Welch pedigree, was before the Civil War of England, a retainer in the House of Charles I, and employed in training the family of that unfortunate Prince to military exercises. He engaged in the royal service during the war and distinguished himself by personal courage. After the execution of Charles I, Captain Gwynne followed the banner of Prince Charles in the most hazardous enterprises in which it was displayed and his memoirs are among the most valuable records of that period. During the reign of Queen Elizabeth, Morgan Gwyn, Esq. of Llanidloes, was High Sheriff of Montgomeryshire, Wales in 1582.

COAT OF ARMS

One of the most ancient and the best known Coat-of-Arms in the Gwin family is that described in heraldic terms as follows by Burkes Encyclopedia of Heraldry, 1844:

"Arms, Sable, a fesse between two swords Argent, the hilts towards the center of the Second.

"Crest — a gauntlet, holding a sword Argent the point through a dragon's head eased or vulned proper.

"Motto — Vim vi repellere licet — Translation, It is right to repel force with force."

MEDIA RESEARCH REPORT

The Media Research of Washington, D. C., has compiled considerable information about the Gwins in the Old World. The following is quoted from their report:

"One line of the family descended from Gwaithvoed the Great (Lord of Powys who married Morvydd, daughter of Ynr, King of Gwent), who was the father in the 10th Century A.D. of a son named Gwyristian or Gywerystan who married Nest, daughter and heiress of Cadell, the Prince of Powys, and had issue by her of a son, Convyn or Cynvyn, who was the father of Blythinor Blythin of

Blethyn, Prince of Powys and King of Wales. Btolhyn died about 1066, leaving issue of a son named Cadowgan. This Cadowgan married Gwenllian, a daughter of Griffith, the Prince of North Wales, and had Madoc, father of Rhiwallon who married Alice, daughter of the Lord of Arwistlie and had a son named Dolphin, who was the father by his wife, Jane, of Cynvelyn who married Julian, daughter of Sir Roger Mortimer, Earl of March. Einion, son of Cynvelyn and Julian, was the father of a son named Meredith, who was the father by his wife Janet, of Griffith, who had a son named Adda. This Adda married Effa or Eve, daughter of Meyrick, one of the Lords of Cery. Adda and Effa were the parents of a son named Howell, who is said by some historians to have been the father of Ithel or Johel Gwyn, who married Janet Say and was the father or grandfather of John Gwyn, who married Elizabeth Vaughan and had Evan, who was the father of Howell, who married Lucie Winne and was the father of Edward Gwyn, who was the father of Reginald and Robert Gwyn of Montgomeryshire, Wales. Of these two brothers, Robert was the father about the beginning of the 17th century of possibly among other children, a son named John.

"Other historians say that the before mentioned Howell, son of Adda and Effa or Eve, was the father by his wife, Annes Gethin, of a son named Adda, who married Janet, daughter of Philip Vaughan, and had issue by her of two sons, Rees and Ithel, of whom the latter settled in Flintshire, Wales. Rees, the elder son, married Isabell, daughter of David Lloyd, and was the father of a son named Evan, whose son, Llewelyn Loyd, married Ankret, daughter of Jenkin Goch, and was the father of Owen Gwynn of Llanidlos in Montgomeryshire, Wales.

"Owen was the father by his wife Catherine of Morgan Gwyn, who was the father in the early 16th century of two sons, Owen and Lewis Gwynn. Of these Owen left issue by his wife Catherine, daughter of Evan, son of Jenkin, of Lewis Jenkin and Margaret; while Lewis had issue by his wife Mallt, daughter of Lewis, son of Howell, of Catherine and Lowry.

"Owen Gwynn, of Llanidles, son of Llewelyn Lloyd, also had issue of numerous other children, including Jenkin, Edward, Griffith, Margaret, Lowry, Rees, Lewis, Owen and Annes. Of these Jenkin was the father by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Gamage, Lord of Coety, of a son named Henry Gwyn.

"David Goch, son of Rydderch and descendant of a line anciently seated in Carmarthenshire, Wales, was the father by his wife Elsbeth of four sons, Richard, Morris, William and Thomas Gwyn of that county. Of these Richard was married in the early 16th century to Jane Barrett by whom he was the father of David, Rys or Rees, John, Thomas, Lewis and several daughters. Of the last mentioned brothers, David was the father of a son named Roland Gwynn who was the father of Richard, David, Hugh and Ann, of whom the first married Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Johns in 1613 and had issue by her of Roland, Howell and others. Rys or Rees was the father of Richard, William, David, Harry, Roland and others and John had two sons, David and William Gwynn.

"Thomas Gwyn, the youngest son of David Goch and Elsbeth of Carmarthenshire, was the father of William, David, Lewis, Philip and Harry Gwynn. Of these William had a son named Thomas, and David was the father of Thomas, George, William and several daughters. Harry married Elsbeth Lloyd by whom he was the father of Thomas, William, Rys, Rees, Letys and Dorothy.

"One of the first of the branches of the family to settle in England was that of Mathew Gwyn of Montgomeryshire, Wales who possessed lands in Berkshire, England in the early 16th century. He was the father of Edsard and William, of whom the first was the father of Dr. Matthew Gwyn or Gwynne of London. William, the younger son of the first Matthew of this line, had a son named Richard who married Susan Talke and had issue by her of William, Thomas and several daughters. Of the sons, William resided in Berkshire and London and left issue by his wife, Anne Ward, of three children, Richard, Anne and Susan Gwyn or Gwynne.

"One Evan or Ieuan Lloyd, of Cardiganshire, in the early 15th century was the father of Rydderch, father of David, father of Rydderch, father of Howell, father of Thomas, father of Ieuan Gwynn, Jenkin and Rydderch. Of these Ieuan Gwyn was the father of David and Jan, of whom the latter is believed to have been the father in the early 17th century of David, Irakews, Marged and Jan Gwynn."

Captain John Gwynne appears to have been the last link of a formidable Welsh pedigree. He was before the Civil War (in England) a retainer in the household of

King Charles I and employed in training the family of that unfortunate Prince to military exercises.

In Americans of Gentle Birth, Vol. I, p. 254, it is stated, "The ancient Gwynns were, therefore, descended from the Queen of the Brigates and the Princes of Wales and became the ancestors of the present line of the Prince of Wales, Kings of England, the King of Gwent and Glamorgan."

It should be remembered in reference to chart which follows that the Kings listed were not always father and son — often they were brothers or perhaps nephews. The Prehistoric Kings of North Wales or Gwynedd, as given in Colonial and Revolutionary Lineages, Vol. V, p. 120-122, are as follows:

"1. Cunedda, the Great, a Celtic Prince who drove the Scots from Gwynedd, or North Wales, and assumed the Roman office of Duke of Britain, died about 480.

2. Enion Yrth, son of Cunedda, was given the rule of Lancashire, part of Cheshire and a strip of the coast of Gwynedd.

3. Cadwallon Lawhir ("the Long-Handed"), son of Einion Yrth, succeeded in conquering the Goidels of North Wales.

4. Maelgwn Gwynedd, called also Maelgwin Hir ("The Tall"), son of Cadwallon Yowhir, died of the plague about 547.

5. Rhun ap (ap in Welsh means son of) Maelgwin, son of Maelgwn Gwynedd, succeeded in his father's authority in Gwynedd.

6. Beli, called Mawr ("The Great"), son of Rhun ap Mallgwn, succeeded his father.

7. Iago ap Beli, son of Beli Mawr, was next in succession.

8. Cadfan ap Iago, King of Gwynedd, son of Iago ap Peli Mawr.

9. Cadwallon ap Cadfan, King of Gwynedd, son of Cadfan ap Iago, died 634.

10. Cadwaladr, son of Cadwallon ap Cadfan, bore the title of King of the Britons, and died in the great plague of 664.

11. Idwal, son of Cadwaladr, was the ruler of Anglesey.

12. Rhodri Molwynog, son of Idual, succeeded his father in Anglesey, and died in 754.

13. Cyan ap Rhodri, called from his residence Cynan Tindaethy, son of Rhodri Molwynog, contested with his brother for the Lordship of Mon, and died 816.

14. Ethyllt, daughter of Cynan Tindaethwy, married Gwriad, King of the Isle of Man, descended from Cunedda the Great through his son, Coel Hen.

15. Merfyn Frych ("The Freckled"), King of Gwynedd, son of Gwriad and Ethyllit, succeeded to Gwynedd about 825, and died in 844. He married Nest, daughter of Cadell ap Brochwel, of the royal house Powys.

16. Rhodri Mawr, King of Gwynedd and part of South Wales, son of Merfin Frych and Nest of Powys, died 877-78. He married Angharad, daughter of Meurig, King of Cardigan.

17. Anarawd, son of Rhodri Mawr and Angharad of Cardigan, ruled Anglesey and the adjacent parts of Gwynedd and died in 916.

18. Idwal Foel ap Anarawd, King of Gwynedd, son of Anarawd, was slain in 941-42.

19. Meurig ap Idwal Foel, son of Idwal Foel, did not succeed his father, and died 986.

20. Idwal ap Meurig, called Idwal Vychan, son of Meurig ap Idwal Foel, died 996.

21. Iago ap Idwal, King of Gwynedd, son of Idwal ap Meurig, was assassinated in 1039.

22. Cynan ap Iago, son of Iago ap Idwal, did not succeed his father and died in Ireland. He married Ragnhildr, granddaughter of King Sitric of the Silken Beard.

23. Gruffydd ap Cynan of Gwynedd, son of Cynan ap Iago and Ragnhildr of Dublin, was born in 1054-55 in Dublin and after seizing his inheritance in Gwynedd, died in 1136-37 and was buried in the Presbytery of Bangor Cathedral. He married about 1095 Angharad, daughter of Owain ap Edwin.

24. Owain Gwynedd ap Gwynedd, or Owain Fawr, son of Gruffydd ap Cynan and Angharad, succeeded in 1137 to the greater part of Gwynedd. Died in 1170, Nov. 23,

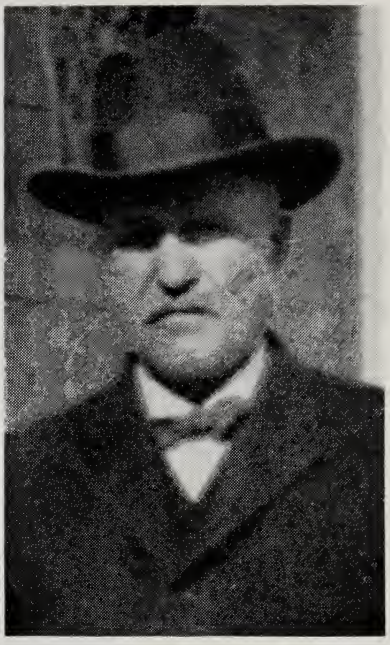
and was buried in Bangor Cathedral. He married first Gwaldus, daughter of Llywarch ap Trahaearn of Arwystli.

25. Irwerth Drwyndwn ("Edward of the Flat-Nosed"), son of Owen Gwynedd and Gwladus, ruled Arfon and Nant Conway and was buried at Llanduclud. He married Marared, daughter of Madog ap Maredudd.

26. Llywelyn ap Iorwerth or Lywelyn ("The Great"), Prince of Gwynedd, Prince of Aberffraw and Lord of Showdon, son of Iorwerth Drwyndwn and Marared Aberconuy, was born in 1173 and died 1240, April 11th. He married about 1205, Joan who died at Aber 1237, 2, 2, natural daughter of King John of England."

Since true surnames were not common in England before the year 1000 A.D. and not used very generally until several hundred years later, it seems impossible from information available, except in a general sense, to trace the many branches of Gwins in early America back to a particular member or branch of these early Gwins or Wynns recorded in the early history of Wales. Surnames were introduced first from Normandy though there are records of Saxon surnames prior to the Norman Conquest. (Ref. Bardsley English Surnames). The only Gwins in early America who, according to records I have seen that can be traced back to definite ancestors in early Wales, are Col. Hugh Gwynne of Gloucester County, Virginia, Major David Gwyn of Richmond County, Virginia and Dr. Thomas Wynne of Pennsylvania. There is little doubt, however, that all Gwins in America have common ancestors somewhere in ancient Wales. There is need for a further search of early Welsh genealogical records.

Sallie Wright Gwin
1844-1931



Jesse Chambers Gwin
1845-1935

Mary Conyers Gwin — John Mills Gwin
1820-1898 1818-1911

Wayne Gwin
1855-1931

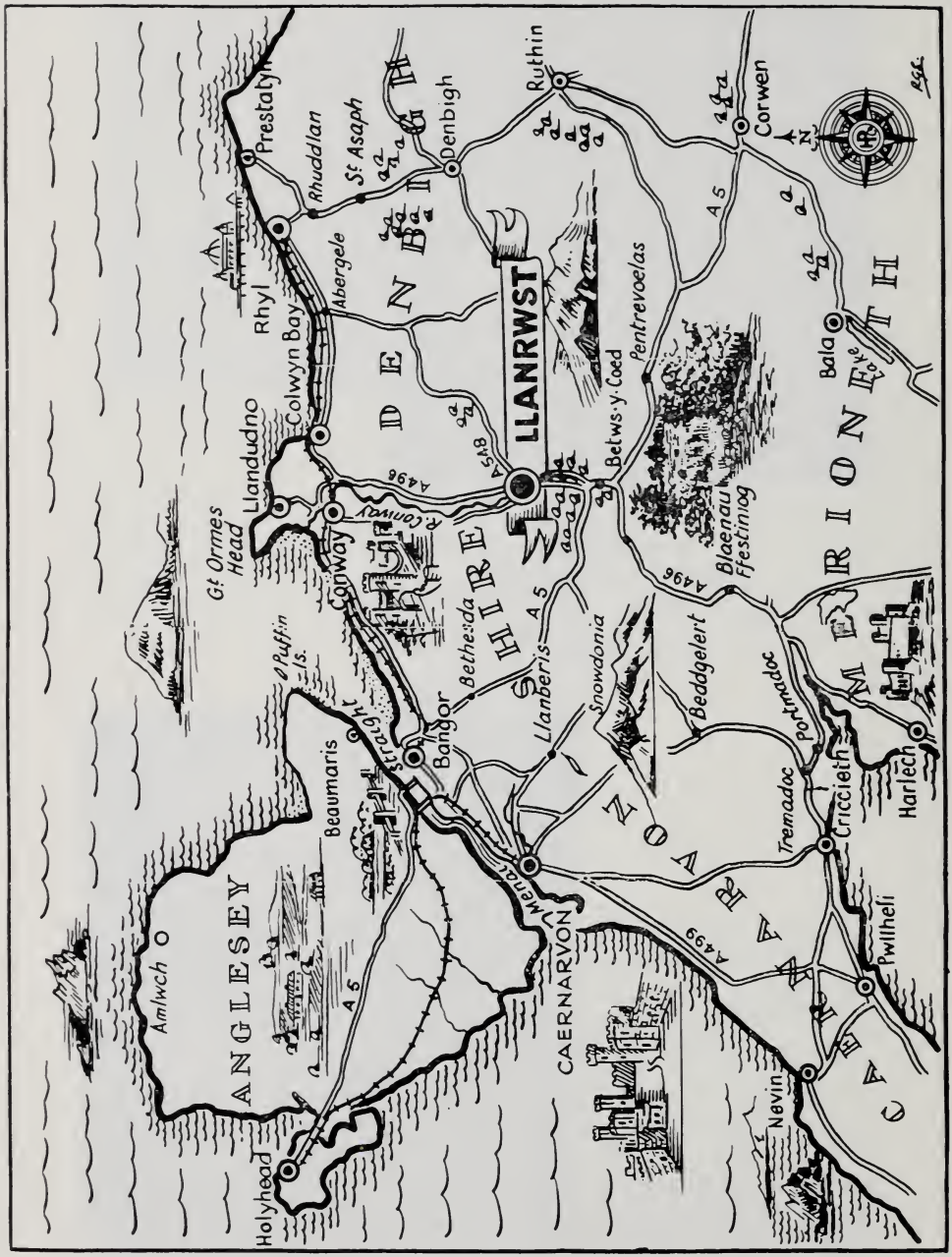
Demais Gwin Chambers
b. 1810

William Gwin
1815-1882

Moses Gwin and wife Rebecca
b. 1827

Charity Ellen Gwin Overton
1840-1885
Emma Gwin Sayers
1862-
Mary Conyers Gwin
1820-1898

Emma Gwin Sayers
b. 1862
Picture taken on 90th birthday



Llanrwst, Wales, the location of the Castle of Gwydir and in ancient Wales the headquarters of the Kingdom of Gwynedd.

CHAPTER III

THE GWINS IN INDIANA

Descendants of Early Virginia settlers, Robert Gwinn of Highland County, and Edmund Gwin of Pittsylvania County (see Chapter I), went to Indiana early in 1800 and made permanent settlements in three separate counties, Harrison in 1803, Wayne in about 1814 and Madison in 1841. This migration west of these Gwins was part of a general exodus from the Eastern Seaboard to states west and southwest. The people in New England sought the west chiefly by way of Albany and the Erie Canal. From Buffalo they dispersed over the southern shores of the Great Lakes. Others moved southwest over rough valley roads or mere trails to Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Missouri, and even to Texas. Many of those from Virginia went down the Shenandoah Valley along the Blue Ridge Mountains to Tennessee, the Carolinas and to Kentucky. Some went down the Ohio River, most of them landing on the north shore to help settle Indiana and Ohio.

This movement west and southwest was mostly to get cheaper and more fertile lands though there were among them many hunters, especially fur hunters, as well as some merely seeking adventure. Land seemed to most early Americans the main key to happiness. Good land in Indiana at that time could be bought for as low as $1.25 an acre, though at auctious it often cost more. Some bought their land through "land speculators" before they left their homes in the east.

At the time the sons of George Holmes Gwin settled in the southern part of the state, Indiana was still a territory. It became a state in 1816 and parts of it were still occupied by hostile Indians. Thomas Jefferson was President of the country and Lewis and Clark were preparing for their exploration of the west.

When John Gwin, b. 1784, and other descendants of Robert Gwinn, Sylvester and James, settled in Wayne County about 1814-1820, Indiana was about ready to be admitted to the Union as a state. James Monroe was President. The War of 1812 was over and in 1815 Gen. Jackson had won the Battle of New Orleans. Rev. James Gwin had served with Gen. Jackson as his Chaplain and several Gwins are known to have served in the War of 1812. In Indiana the Indians under Tecumseh had been

defeated by Gen. William Henry Harrison at Tippecanoe. These Gwins, seeking new homes in Indiana, were hardy pioneers.

GEORGE HOLMES GWIN DESCENDANTS

The Will of George Holmes Gwin, son of Edmund Gwin, given in Chapter I, gives his sons as John, b. about 1755, Jesse, b. 1758, Thomas, b. 1772, Holmes, Littleburg and Josiah.

We have found no later records of Holmes, Littleburg or Josiah but we know the three sons, John, Jesse and Thomas went to Harrison County in southern Indiana. The records show this migration west was in 1802 or 1803 but it is not certain they all went west at the same time.

It is known that Jesse served in the Revolutionary War and the name of Holmes Gwin appears in Revolutionary War Records. As already mentioned, Jesse Gwin was at Gwynn Island (Virginia) when Governor Dunsmore was driven out by the British in 1776.

John Gwin's sons were James, George, Edmund, Jr. (b. 1785), Edmund II, John and Holmes. Edmund, Jr. married in 1812 and had two sons, David Howard and Edmund, and two daughters, Celia and Katherine.

Thomas Gwin, b. 1772, d. 1835, married Mildred Bates and probably did not move to Indiana until 1811. He had a son, William Vaughn, b. 1807. In 1930 William Vaughn married Susan Hedrick of Pittsylvania County, Virginia. They lived at Lanesville, Indiana and in 1852 he was Sheriff of Harrison County. Thomas had another son of record named Berry Gwin. Berry is known to have had a son, James Monroe, b. 1837, 10, 22. James Monroe Gwin, during the administration of President Buchanan, 1857-1861, was Assistant Postmaster of New Albany, Indiana under his cousin, F. M. Gwin. Later he was in the feed business with his father and was a member of the undertaking firm of Meeker and Gwin. He married Julia Merryman in 1860. In 1875 he was married again to Carrie C. Warren of New York. They had two children, Newland and Edith. Jesse, son of George Holmes, had a son named Jesse.

ROBERT GWINN DESCENDANTS

Among the descendants of Robert Gwinn of Wales, who migrated in the early days to Indiana (see Chapter I), were Sylvester and James Gwinn, sons of Joseph who was a grandson of Robert of Wales. They went first to Wayne County, Indiana. The year of their arrival in Wayne County is not known but it was sometime between 1814 and 1820. John Gwin and his wife, Charity Mills, were already living in Wayne County, arriving about 1814.

Sylvester and James Gwinn seem not to be the only Gwinns who went from Monroe County, West Virginia to Madison County, Indiana and perhaps also to Wayne County. Some of the Gwinns now living in Madison County descended from the son of Samuel, b. 1751, instead of from James, b. 1744. There must have been considerable visiting between Madison County, Indiana and Monroe County, West Virginia as is indicated by the letter from James Gwinn addressed to Harvey Gwinn dated Sept. 2, 1907 and included in the Letters and Documents published in this book.

The information we have about the Gwinns in Madison County as recorded in the table of descendants of Samuel Gwinn, has been given to us by Howard M. Gwinn of Lapel, Indiana and by Mrs. Alta Gwinn Robinson of Orlando, Florida. Mrs. Robinson is the daughter of Sylvester Gwinn, a descendant of Samuel. Howard Gwinn, the son of Marshall Gwinn, is also a descendant of Samuel.

Congressman Ralph W. Gwinn, now of New York, originally came from this branch in Madison County.

Howard Gwinn has a brother, Paul, who is President of the Sunbeam Corporation of Chicago and another brother, Herbert, who is Comptroller of the same corporation. Howard is the owner of a chain of drug stores in Madison County.

THE GWINS IN WAYNE AND JASPER COUNTIES, INDIANA

John Gwin, b. Jan. 23, 1784, appeared in Jefferson County, Tennessee before 1810 but there is no record when he left Virginia or when he arrived in Tennessee. It seems almost certain that John Gwin, b. 1784, was a descendant of Robert Gwinn of Wales and that he went to Tennessee

from Monroe County, Virginia, now West Virginia. It has not been possible as yet to establish this by records of birth, etc., but other evidence supports this conclusion. John Gwin and Charity Mills went to Wayne County, Indiana about 1814. James and Sylvester Gwinn came from Monroe County and settled in Wayne County a few years later. It seems likely they went to Wayne County because they already had relatives there.

Mrs. Alta Gwinn Robinson of Orlando, Florida told the author she remembers that her grandfather, James Gwinn of Madison County, Indiana, used to visit a cousin, Pleasant Gwin, in Wayne County. Pleasant Gwin was one of the sons of John Gwin who remained in that county, living at Economy. No doubt there were other visits back and forth between these groups of Gwins. According to the dates of birth, John Gwin, b. 1784, could have been the son of James Gwinn, Jr., or of his brother Robert, or of any other sons or possibly grandsons of Robert from Wales. He may have been the son of Robert or Simon who went to Kentucky and left no known record.

The known relatives of John Gwin who remained or did live in Jefferson County, Tennessee, Mrs. Nina Gwinn Swann and N. B. Gwinn, her father, spelled their names with two n's, the same as Robert Gwinn from Wales. This seems to provide excellent evidence that John Gwin, b. 1784, who was an uncle of N. B. Gwinn, had spelled his name with two n's when he first migrated to Tennessee and, therefore, this seems to establish he is a descendant of Robert Gwinn. If anyone reading this knows of any records which more definitely establish the name of the parents or any ancestors of John Gwin, b. 1784, please notify the author of this book. The author has had available records in Jefferson County, Tennessee and adjacent areas searched for records of the parents of John Gwin, b. 1784, with no success. It seems likely that they may have lived in Seviers County but the Court House of that county was burned in 1856 and all records destroyed.

The marriage records of Jefferson County show John Gwin married Charity Mills in Jefferson County on March 12, 1810. She was a Quaker and Quaker records of Nov. 24, 1810 state that "Charity Gwin, formerly Mills, offered a paper concerning her outgoing in marriage, which was accepted." Since Charity Gwin continued very active in the Quaker church after her marriage it is likely that her husband joined her church. Some time not long after their

marriage John and Charity Gwin moved to Wayne County, Indiana where they lived until death. They are buried in the cemetery near Economy. The date of their trip north is not known but Quaker records dated June 27, 1814, state "Certificates of removal to Lick Creek Monthly Meeting, Orange County, Indiana were signed for Henry Mills and family, Seth Mills and family (wife Charity), Charity Gwin, Moses Mills and family, Rachel Mills and Charity Mills, etc." Although these certificates were directed to Lick Creek Monthly Meeting, Orange County, they were actually presented and accepted Nov. 26, 1814 to Feb. 25, 1815 at White Water Monthly Meeting, Wayne County, Indiana.

Young's History of Wayne County says that Henry and Moses Mills settled in 1815 on the present site of Economy, and that John Gwin settled nearby the same year. Seth and Isaac Mills lived in the same community. At a meeting of the Springfield Monthly Meeting, March 1, 1820, Charity Mills was chosen to serve as an elder. She seems, according to Quaker records, to have served in this station until her death.

CHARITY MILLS GWIN

Charity Mills, born in Guilford County, North Carolina, November 14, 1789, wife of John Gwin, was the daughter of Aaron Mills, b. 1749, d. 1794, and Charity Mendenhall Mills, b. 1754 (daughter of Mordecai Mendenhall, b. 1713, d. 1803, and Charity Beeson Mendenhall, d. 1809 at the age of 94). Charity Mills was the granddaughter of Henry Mills, b. 1719, d. 1810, and Hannah Thornburg Mills, b. 1725. Her great-grandfather was John Mills (date of birth not known).

The Mills (ancestors of Charity Mills who married John Gwin), Mendenhall, Thornburg, Beeson and Grubb families, all came from Pennsylvania, stopping for a while in Maryland and Virginia (see Encyclopedia of American Quaker Records). The trek of the Quakers from the Wm. Penn Colony south and southwest is fairly distinct, especially through Virginia. There were large Quaker settlements near Winchester, Waterford, Leesburg and Staunton. From there some of them went to Guilford County, North Carolina. Records show the Beesons and Mendenhalls were in Guilford County in 1758 and no doubt the Mills went there about the same time. A very large colony of Quakers was established in Guilford County and about this time they were joined by Quakers from the Colony in Nantucket, Massachusetts.

The following account of the establishment and early history of New Garden Meeting in Guilford County, North Carolina is from Southern Quakers and Slavery by Dr. Stephen B. Weeks:

"Of the settlers who formed the New Garden Meeting, the first to arrive, were doubtless the immigrants from Pennsylvania by way of Maryland and Virginia. They brought the name with them from Pennsylvania. It has always been a characteristic of Quakers to reproduce the names of the sections with which they have been associated in former years. Many English Quaker names are reproduced in America. There is a New Garden and a Springfield in Pennsylvania. These names were carried thence to North Carolina and from there in turn to Indiana." Dr. Albert Cook Myers, in Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania, says that "New Garden Meeting in Pennsylvania was named in remembrance of New Garden Meeting in County Carlow, Ireland."

"The first settlement at New Garden was about 1750. In 1751, a meeting for worship was granted by Cane Creek Monthly Meeting. For the next three years the monthly meeting circulated between Cane Creek and New Garden. The settlement must have grown rapidly, for New Garden Monthly Meeting was set up in 1754. It was destined to become the most important Meeting in the state of North Carolina and was the mother of many others. In the first year, 1754, we have settlers coming in from Pennsylvania, from Hopewell and Fairfax Meetings, Virginia. During 1755 nine certificates were received, representing Pennsylvania and Virginia only. According to the official minutes, which note all certificates received, there were brought in during the sixteen years, 1754-70, inclusive, eighty-six certificates in all. Of these, forty-five came from Pennsylvania, thirty-five from Virginia and one from Maryland, and four from northeastern Carolina.

"The New Garden settlers were soon to be reinforced by other immigrants who also came from old Quaker stock. These were the settlers from Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. This movement began in 1771, and Libni Coffin was the first Nantucket man to arrive at New Garden. During the period of five years from 1771 to 1775, there were forty-one certificates recorded at New Garden Monthly Meeting from Nantucket out of a total of fifty certificates received."

It is not known when the Mills, Mendenhalls and Beesons migrated to Jefferson County, Tennessee but their names are on record there in 1799. While Charity Mills married John Gwin in 1810 there is no record of them in Indiana until 1814. The migration to Indiana represented the movement of groups of families, many of whom were related, as did the movement from Guilford County, North Carolina and in fact, the entire trek from Pennsylvania through Virginia to North Carolina. In most cases the old folks settled down and the younger ones moved on in search of adventure and cheaper land. The names of the Mills, the Mendenhalls, Thornburgs and Beesons appear again in the Wayne County, Indiana records.

Young's History of Wayne County gives the following about these early Indiana pioneers:

"Henry and Moses Mills from Tennessee settled on present site of Economy.

John Gwin in 1815 settled where now his son, Pleasant, lives.

Richard and Daniel Mills from North Carolina in 1804 and from Ohio in 1816 settled on land owned by Wilson Pierce.

In 1827 a grist mill was started by Daniel and Richard Mills.

Walter Thornburg and his son-in-law, Moses Mills, started a store.

Benjamin Beeson from North Carolina settled here in 1814.

The first Meeting House (Quaker) was built of round logs one-fourth mile from Economy in 1816. It was warmed by charcoal and white oak burned on a hearth in the center of the room."

Land Sales and Purchases taken from Recorder's office indicate that many members of the Mills family settled there about the same time as did John and Charity Mills Gwin.

"U.S. to Isaac Mills M.E.	30-18-13	160 A. Apr. 23, 1816
U.S. to Isaac Mills N.E.	28-18-13	Nov. 11, 1814
U.S. to Richard Mills S.E.	30-18-13	Sept. 7, 1815
U.S. to John Mills S.E.	23-18-13	Sept. 4, 1816
U.S. to Seth Mills S.E.	28-18-12	Nov. 5, 1823

Henry Mills sold 100 acres to Moses Mills in 1818. James Mills sold land to Abijah Mills in 1822. Daniel Mills made four purchases of land in 1821-1824. Elisha Mills bought land in 1824. Daniel Mills sold land to Richard Mills in 1828 and in 1831."

The Wayne County Will Book records three Mills' Wills as follows:

Wayne County Will Book I, p. 148

"Will of Moses Mills leaves plantation and personal property to wife Elizabeth during life or widowhood, half to go to children at her remarriage. Names children: Milton, Walter, Rufus, Oliver, John Zerilda, Mary and Charity. Dated April 3, 1828. Probated April 5, 1828. Final settlement August term 1837."

Wayne County Deed Book 3, p. II

"Will of Richard Mills mentions wife Nancy and children: Elizabeth Beeson, Jemima Stanley, Racheal Jackson, Polly Ann Sheridan, Esther Ann Cox, Nancy Mills, Anna Mills, Sarah Mills, Ruth Mills and Abigal Derinda Mills. Dated Oct. 26, 1844. Filed for probate Aug. 26, 1850."
Wayne County Deed Book 3, p. 261

"Will of John Mills leaves $1 to son, Joseph T. Mills, and $5 to son James. Balance to be divided equally among his four daughters: Mary Willcutts, Abigal Lamb, Lydia Longfellow and Charity Mills. Latter to get all household and kitchen furniture. Dated Oct. 29, 1853. Filed for probate Nov. 16, 1853."

JOHN GWIN

It is not known when John Gwin went to Jefferson County, Tennessee, where he married Charity Mills, March 12, 1810, or what members of his family were there with him. Mrs. Lizzie Gwin Wolfe, daughter of Cyrus Gwin, wrote in an early letter that a Napolian Bonaparte Gwin who lived in East Tennessee used to visit his Uncle John Gwin in Wayne County, Indiana. Mrs. Nina G. Swann of Dandridge, Tennessee (Jefferson County) wrote the author in 1953 that her "father's name was Napolian Bonaparte Gwinn. His birth was Aug. 6, 1832." In another letter written in 1930, Mrs. Nina Swann wrote "Napolian Gwinn was an orphan and he had one brother living in the county around Dandridge. He was raised by an old couple."

Not much is known about John Gwin, b. 1784, or about his fourteen children. He seems to have lived and died on his farm near Economy. Both he and his Quaker wife are buried in a cemetery nearby. It is recorded she continued active in the Quaker Church.

THE CHILDREN OF JOHN AND CHARITY GWIN

The children of John and Charity Gwin were: (Copied from Cyrus B. Gwin's Bible)

1. Demaris, b. Dec. 20, 1810
2. Julia Ann, b. May 28, 1812, d. Feb. 2, 1895
3. Allen, b. July 20, 1813
4. William, b. Jan. 7, 1815, d. Jan. 21, 1882
5. Aaron, b. Nov. 28, 1816, d. March 27, 1902
6. John Mills, b. Aug. 19, 1818, d. March 17, 1911
7. Lydia, b. Oct. 7, 1819
8. Pleasant, b. Oct. 26, 1821
9. Hannah Ellen, b. Jan. 26, 1824
10. Cyrus, b. May 21, 1826, d. Oct. 4, 1916
11. Moses, b. Sept. 24, 1827
12. Anna Mariah, b. May 5, 1829
13. Oliver Perry, b. Feb. 4, 1831
14. Milton L., b. June 30, 1833

If John and Charity Gwin went to Wayne County in 1814 as seems likely, the three oldest children — Demaris, Julia and Allen — were born in Jefferson County, Tennessee.

John Gwin's Will as given in the Wayne County Record Book 3, p. 42, is as follows:

"Will of John Gwin dated October 13, 1848, probated Nov. 15, 1848, leaves life interest in farm of 200 acres in Perry Tp. and all livestock, household goods and other personal property to wife, Charity, during life or widowhood. Charity is directed to deed a certain 75 acres to son Oliver and 25 acres on which mansion house is located to son Milton L., when each becomes of age — widow to retain use of mansion. Widow is directed to pay to Damaris Chambers, Julia Ann Thornburg, Lydia Shortridge, Hannah and Anna Maria Gwin $100 each. William, John M., Aaron, Pleasant, Moses M. and Cyrus Gwin, sons, are left $1 each in addition to sums already given them. Personal property

of widow is to be divided equally among children at death. In case she should remarry, half her personal property is to be divided equally among children.

"Final settlement is made April 9, 1853 and executor, William Locke, brother-in-law of Gwin, is discharged."

The following letter from F. Luther Bend, dated Nov. 22, 1935 and addressed to Thomas Marshall of Washington, D. C., tells something of John Gwin's children from one who knew them:

"They had, I think, 13 children but I can remember only 11, the others possibly died when small. I will name them but not altogether as they come.

1. John lived in Indiana. I think in Howard County. I saw him once.
2. William, Vera's grandfather, I never saw him.
3. Aaron, lived out about Losantville.
4. Damaris, married Chambers. Lived near Losantville. Had no children.
5. Julia Ann, married Walter Thornburg — afterward Milo Lamb; had 2 children — Mary Jane (Little) and Elvin Pleasant (Effie May's father).
6. Pleasant, married Hannah Wimmer who died, leaving children — Walter, John D., Mary E., Martin, Julia, Wimmer and Livoria. You remember some of these.
7. Cyrus B., married Asenath Swain whose family you well knew.
8. Oliver, married Eliza Worth and they had several children, including John, David Link who now lives near here. Nancy, who married Fremont Hutchens and Minnie who went to our school under George Meckel, I think.
9. Moses, who lived up north somewhere. I never saw him but once. He had a family.
10. Hannah, married a Jenkins from about Huntsville, a minister who died many years ago. She died at Cy's as you probably remember.
11. Annie married Waldo Wills — (?) and they moved away — west I think.

12. Milton lived near here north of the Barnard School House. Had several children, including Allen, who died, and Lyman. He removed to Henry County and died there.

Say, I did remember 12 after all. Julie was born in 1812, Pleasant in 1821, Cy in 1826, I think.

The older ones were born in Sevier County, Tennessee. The younger ones in Wayne County, Indiana — came here around 1820-22.

The Gwins were noted, as you well remember, for their athletic qualities. They were mostly rather short, often small, but quick and powerful.

You remember Link always took the turkey at the turkey shoots when we were boys.

John Gwin, Sr., I have heard, was active at log rollings and house raisings. I could tell more about the next generation but will close for this time.

Yours, Sgn. F. Luther Bend
(Not sure of name)

Mrs. Lillie Adamson Gwin, in a letter to her niece, Vera Gwin, wrote in 1937, "Oliver I have heard Pa tell of and Moses. I knew Milton by sight. I saw none of the sisters except Julie. I understand they were all jovial and hearty laughers and loved by all. Your mother boarded with Uncle Oliver's married daughter."

Oliver lived in Oswego, Kansas and may have died there, but his wife is buried in the cemetery at Economy.

Moses was a minister. There is no record of his marriage except in the letter from Mr. Bend to Mr. Marshall which said he had a family. He had a reputation as a great runner.

Cyrus married Elvira Scantland, b. Oct. 25, 1858, d. Aug. 13, 1894. They had six children: Charley, b. Jan. 13, 1887, Glenna A., b. Apr. 5, 1879, Fred C., b. June 1, 1882, Oscar S., b. Oct. 13, 1884, Mabel C., b. Aug. 29, 1888, and Elsie L., b. July 20, 1891. (Ref. The Cyrus Gwin Bible).

Quoting from a letter from Lillie A. Gwin, dated 1937, to Vera Gwin, "Cyrus Gwin was a fine man and could laugh as heartily as Pleasant Gwin."

Hannah Ellen Gwin married a man named Jenkins. No other information is available about her.

Pleasant married Hannah Wimmer, b. May 4, 1825, d. Oct. 31, 1876. They had seven children — Walter T., John D., May E., Martisha, Julia Ann, Pleasant W., and Hannah. They lived in Wayne County.

Lydia married Rev. Lemuel Shortridge, a chaplain during the Civil War. They had one child, Ireneus, b. March 8, 1845.

Aaron was married and lived near Losantville, Indiana.

William died on a farm near Stark, Neosho County, Kansas. He married Julia Swain Conyers, widow of William Conyers, b. Nov. 22, 1818, d. Nov. 30, 1883. When William was in his sixties he went bond for a relative who jumped his bail. To meet this sum, William was forced to sell his farm and all livestock. He moved from Economy to Kansas to begin anew but lived only a short time after moving. His children were John Allen, b. July 10, 1843, Sarah Anne, b. 1845, Samuel Monroe, b. June 19, 1847, Cyrus Albert, b. Jan. 21, 1850, Mary Jane, b. Jan. 15, 1852 (married John M. Williams), and Lillie Elizabeth, b. April 1, 1857.

Julia Anne married Milton Thornburg. They had two children, Milton and Mary Jane. Julia was married a second time to Milo Lamb.

Demaris married a Chambers and lived near Losantville, Indiana.

John Mills, the 6th child, is recorded as being born in Union County, Indiana which might indicate that his parents did not always live in Wayne County. He is also recorded as having united with the Methodist Church in Henry County, Indiana. Perhaps he moved there after his marriage. He moved with his wife and six children (four were born after this move) to Hanging Grove Twp., Jasper County, Indiana in 1852. It is known that they traveled in a covered wagon and one or more other familes accompanied them on the trip. In 1865 he moved to a farm near Pleasant Ridge and lived there until his wife died. He was married Feb. 26, 1839 to Mary Whittenear Conyers. She was born April 6, 1820 and died Nov. 6, 1898 and is buried at Rensselaer, Indiana.

John Mills Gwin was a shoemaker as well as a farmer and cattle raiser, having learned the shoemaker trade when a young man as did also his brother, Milton. At one time after he was married he bought 40 acres of land, paying for it in boots which he delivered to the proprietor of a store in Economy every Saturday evening. He is said to have made nine pairs or boots each week until the land was paid for.

He was widely known in Northern Indiana as an athlete, especially as a jumper and wrestler. He weighed only from 135 to 140 pounds. They wrestled "side holds" as they do yet in many rural areas. The contestants would square off side by side, each with one hand grasping the other's belt or waist band with the other hand clasped in front. They were downed when thrown to the ground. There was no pinning shoulders to the mat in those days. John M. Gwin's specialties were the three standing broad jumps and the running broad jump. He told the author his best three standing jumps were around 36 feet, which is close to the world record of today. Modern ways of measuring (from ball of foot to heel) would reduce his jump measured from toe to toe about 8 to 10 inches.

He cast his first presidential vote for William Henry Harrison in 1840, a fact of which he was ever proud.

THE CHILDREN OF JOHN M. AND MARY GWIN

1. Charity Ellen, b. Sept. 25, 1840, d. Aug. 19, 1885. She married James Parker Overton, March 20, 1862. He had the nick-name of "Crack-a-doodle" but the author knows no reason for this name. He died in 1914.

2. William Henry, b. Nov. 6, 1842, d. Oct. 8, 1895. He married Elizabeth Amanda Watson on April 7, 1870. She died May 1, 1927. William Henry was a Lieutenant in the Civil War and served with General Sherman in his march to Atlanta and to the sea. Ref. Bible Records, Jasper County, Indiana, Vol. 1, p. 55.

3. Jesse Chambers, b. Jan. 1, 1845, d. May 3, 1935 in Rensselaer, Indiana. He was six years old when his parents came in a covered wagon from Wayne County, Indiana to Hanging Grove Township, Jasper County, Indiana in 1852. On Jan. 28, 1865 he married Sallie Wright Jackson (adopted). She was born May 3, 1844 and died Oct. 3, 1931. Jesse Gwin served during the Civil War with Co. E,

135th Indiana Infantry and was in several battles around Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was a farmer most of his life but served two terms as County Treasurer of Jasper County and was in the lumber business at the time of his death. He was an expert hunter and fisherman.

4. Hannah Demaris, b. July 9, 1847, d. May 10, 1933. She married Augustus M. Munden on Dec. 31, 1872. He was born Feb. 25, 1846. They had one son, Gus Munden.

5. John Pleasant, b. Nov. 1, 1849, d. July 19, 1934. He married Minniehaha Wright on May 7, 1884. She died in July 1934. John Pleasant was known as "Never Sweat," though the reason for the name is not known for he was quick in his movements.

6.Samantha Ann, b. March 10, 1852, d. July 27, 1925. She married Orlando McDonald on Feb. 28, 1878. He was born Oct. 20, 1849 and died in 1933.

7. Edward Wayne, b. Jan. 6, 1855, d. June 12, 1931. He married Ollie Rouse, who was born Oct. 3, 1877.

8. Mary Celestia, b. June 23, 1857, d. Jan. 4, 1944. She married Felix Parker on Nov. 30, 1876. He was born in Nov. 1833 and died Nov. 9, 1936.

9. Ada Alice, b. Aug. 16, 1859, d. June 18, 1898. She married George B. Parkinson, b. May 5, 1850, d. 1935.

10. Emma Florence, b. Nov. 13, 1862 — married Thomas Sayers on Oct. 30, 1884. He was born May 6, 1859.

OTHER EARLY GWINS IN INDIANA

William Gwin came from Kentucky in 1832 to Bloomington, Illinois. His son, William F., b. 1848, 5, 28, moved to Owen County, Indiana. He entered Indiana University in 1868. He later went to Gosport, Indiana. Ref. History of Clay and Owen County by Charles Blanchard.

Albert Gwin, b. 1855, 9, 27, was the son of Samuel Gwin (d. 1860) and Jane E. Conger. He lived in Hancock County, Indiana. Later Albert became a prominent business man in Delaware County, Indiana. Ref. History of Delaware and Randolph Counties.

Nicholas Gwin, b. about 1798, native of Pennsylvania, d. 1868, age 70 years. His parents moved to Virginia where Nicholas learned the coopers trade which he followed until 1827. He then moved to Greene County, Ohio and from there to Warren County, Indiana. Two of his nine children were George S., b. 1828, 1, 3, and Daniel S., b. 1829, 8, 25. Daniel S. lived in Benton County, Indiana. He was married in 1833 to Phoebe Lank, a native of Fayette County, Ohio. They had nine children.

George S. Gwin also lived in Warren County, Medina and Warren Township, where he was a farmer. He was married Feb. 23, 1851 to Margaret C. Kiplinger from Logan County, Ohio. They had four children, two of whom were Sarah R. (Mrs. W. A. Colvert) and Anna M. Ref. History of Warren County, Indiana.

David Steen Gwin settled in the early days near Oxford, Indiana, date not known. He had three sons, Ancel Beecher, Luther and Oliver. Ancel Beecher married Elizabeth McConnell. This information was supplied by a descendant of Ancel Gwin, Oliver J. Gwin of Demotte, Indiana, who thinks his ancestors came from Pennsylvania.

This is far from a complete record of the Gwins of Indiana. Though we have given brief mention of the Gwins in Warren, Benton, Owen, Hancock, Delaware and Newton counties and at Oxford and Gosport we have no information about their descendants. No doubt many of them are now living in these and other counties of Indiana. It seems likely that most of the Gwins who are now or have lived in Indiana are direct descendants of one of those early pioneers who originally came from Virginia and settled in Harrison, Wayne or Madison counties and later in Jasper county. These pioneers and Indian fighters were descendants of Robert Gwinn of Wales or of Edmund Gwin who is reported to have been killed by Indians in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. It is likely that all these Gwins had a distant, common ancestor in Wales.

By the time of the Civil War there were large groups of Gwins, descendants of these pioneers, in Madison and Jasper counties as well as in southern Indiana near New Albany. There is convincing evidence that those in Jasper and in Madison counties belonged to the same Gwin branch. Even those in Harrison county probably came from the same racial stock back in Wales, if not in this country. Due, no doubt, to the difficulties of traveling before the

advent of the automobile they seem to have been totally unaware that there were large groups of Gwins in these other counties. At least the author can find no information that they either visited or corresponded with each other.

CHAPTER IV

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS

WILL OF CAPT. DAVID GWIN — BATH COUNTY, VIRGINIA

(Recorded in Will Book 2, page 416, January 1822, Bath County, Virginia)

In the name of God, Amen:

I, David Gwin, of the county of Bath, State of Virginia, being advanced in years but of sound mind and disposing memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and the numerous inconveniences which might arise from my dying intestate, have thought proper to make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling all former wills by me made:

In Primus: I direct my executors hereinafter named as soon as may be after my decease, to pay my funeral expenses and all my just debts.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son, David Gwin, all the lands I purchased of John and Thos. Peoples whereon I now live, including the mountain tract, to him and his heirs forever, but as my death may happen before my said son, David Gwin, arrives at lawful age, in case of such an event it is my will and desire that the property before divised be managed by my executors or rented out at their discretion until my said son arrives at full age and the proceeds thereof be applied at their discretion to the support and maintenance of such of my daughters as may then be unmarried and the maintenance and education of my said son, David Gwin and his heirs forever, one thousand pounds in money which I hereby direct my executors to pay over to him when he shall arrive at the age of 21 years. I also give and bequeath to my son, David Gwin and his heirs forever, my rifle gun, my desk and bookcase, my four tables, all my chairs, my bed and furniture and three chests, all which property I direct my executors to have good care taken of and delivered over to my said son on his arriving at age aforesaid.

Item: I give and bequeath to my grandson, David Gwin Kincaid, son of Thomas Kincaid, the lands allotted to him by Adam Lightner, James Campbell, lying on the waters of Jackson's River in the County of Bath, being the

same land whereon the said Thomas Kincaid now lives to him and his heirs forever, but it is my will and desire that the said Thomas Kincaid and his wife, Sally, and the longest liver of them shall have the right and privilege to live on and enjoy the whole of land during their natural lives, upon condition they continue to reside on the same, but if they should, at any time remove from said land then the benefits intended them by this devise shall cease and terminate and from the date of such removal the rents and profits and the right to use and occupy the land aforesaid shall rest in my grandson, David Gwin Kincaid.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son, Robert Gwin and his present wife, Polly Gwin, and the longest liver of them the right during their natural lives to live on and enjoy the lands on Jackson's River, alloted them for their son, David, by Adam Lightner and James Campbell and after the death of the longest liver of the said Robert and wife, I give and bequeath the said land to David Gwin, my grandson (and son of Robert and Polly Gwin) to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son, John Gwin, and his present wife and the longest liver of them, the right to live on and enjoy the lands allotted them for their son, David, by Adam Lightner and James Campbell on Jackson's River, and after the death of the longest liver of the said John and wife, I give and bequeath the said land to my grandson, David Gwin (son of the said John), to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my said grandsons, David Gwin Kincaid, David Gwin (son of Robert) and David Gwin (son of John), all my lands in the Big and Little Valleys on the waters of Wilson's Mill Run in the County of Bath to be equally divided between them, to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Isabell, and her heirs forever, one negro girl named Agnes and her future increase.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Margaret, and her heirs forever one negro girl named Betsy and her future increase.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Rachel, and her heirs forever one negro girl named Jane and her future increase.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Susan, and her heirs forever one negro girl named Violet and her future increase.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son-in-law, Robert Lockridge and Polly, his wife, and their heirs forever, two dollars to be paid them by my executors in full for their portion of my estate.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son, James Gwin, one hundred pounds in money to him and his heirs forever to be paid him by my executors soon after my decease.

Item: To my sons, Robert Gwin and John Gwin, I give and bequeath the sum of two dollars cash to them and their heirs forever. To Thomas Kincaid and Sally, his wife, the sum of two dollars. To Jas. Wiley and Nancy, his wife, two dollars. To John Cleek and Jane, his wife, the sum of two dollars, and to Samuel Givens and Elizabeth, his wife, the sum of two dollars which said legacies I hereby direct my executors to pay as soon as may be after my decease, it is my will and desire that my executors herein after named soon after my decease, take into possession of the slaves Isaac and Fown, which I loaned to Robert Gwin, a negro named Ned I loaned to Thos. Kincaid and a negro named Daffney I loaned to John Cleek which said several slaves were loaned to be returned whenever demanded.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Rachel, one feather bed and furniture, also sum of sixty pounds in money to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Susan, one feather bed and furniture, also sum of sixty pounds in money to her and her heirs forever.

Item: It is my will and desire that my executors as soon as they shall have paid my funeral expenses and just debts and satisfy all the legacies hereinbefore named, do proceed to ascertain the amount of all the residue of my estate of every kind whatsoever, including my slaves not hereinbefore devised, my debts, money, stock, etc., which residue when so ascertained, I desire shall be divided into seven equal parts. One-seventh therefore I give and bequeath to my daughter, Isabella, her heirs and assigns forever. I give and bequeath one-seventh part thereof to my daughter, Margaret, her heirs and assigns forever. Same to my daughter, Rachel, her heirs and assigns forever. Same to my daughter, Susan, her heirs and assigns

forever. One-seventh part to be equally divided among the children of my daughter, Elizabeth Givens, and to be paid over to them by my executors as they come of age respectively, but it is my wish and meaning that out of this seventh part shall be deducted the amount of Bonds due and owing to me from Samuel Givens, the husband of my said daughter, Elizabeth. I give and bequeath one-seventh part thereof to be equally divided among the children of my daughter, Jane Cleek, and to be paid over to them by my executors as they come of age respectively, and the remaining one-seventh of said residue I give and bequeath to the children of my daughter, Nancy Wiley, by her husband Jas. Wiley, to be equally divided between them, to them and their heirs forever and to be paid over to them by my executors as they respectively become of age.

Item: It is my will and desire that if any of my sons or daughters, sons-in-law or daughters-in-law or any of my grandchildren shall be dissatisfied with the disposition I have made herein of my property and shall attempt to set aside this writing as my true last will and testament, they shall be excluded from all benefit of any portion of my estate whatever and every devise herein made to such person in such case shall be null and void.

Lastly, I appoint Wm. Hogshead, my son-in-law, my son, Jas. Gwin, and my friend, Otho Wade, Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby repeating the same to be such and renouncing and revoking all former wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 18th day of April 1820 and have caused the same to be witnessed in my presence.

His
David T. Gwin (seal)
mark

The above writing was signed, sealed and declared to be the last will and testament of David Gwin in our presence by him and at his request and in his presence we subscribed the same as witnesses:

John Steuart
James Hicklin
John Carlile
Martin Coyner

SKETCH OF THE GWINN GENERATION

A daughter of Capt. David Gwinn, Mrs. Isabella Hogshead, when she was over 80 years old gave a verbal report of her ancestors and relatives to A. R. Gwinn. He left a written record of the information he got from Mrs. Hogshead and others. It should be noted that Mrs. Hogshead thought the Gwinns were of Scotch Irish descent and she thought that James and Samuel were sons of Capt. David Gwinn. Many other records seem to establish the fact beyond doubt that Capt. David, James and Samuel were brothers, sons of Robert who came from Orange County, Wales, but who stopped enroute to America for a period in Ireland. The following is from the A. R. Gwin written report.

"I shall try to give a brief history of the Gwinn generation as far as I know and as far as has been handed down by my forefathers.

Away back in colonial times there was a great many emigrants who came to North America. Among the crowd from Ireland, two Guinn brothers started for America — David and Samuel. The Guinns are of Scotch Irish descent, although Guinn is an English name, spelled Guynne. At an early date, a good many of the Guinns became Lords and some of them got mixed up with the Queen Victoria blood — but that says nothing. So David and Samuel started for America when it took several months to cross the ocean. On the way the ship was wrecked and Samuel was drowned and David cast on a coral reef with many others and was there several days before they were rescued by the life-boat and brought to America. David drifted to the Valley of Virginia, Augusta County, and there married an English woman and reared a large family. The writer got acquainted with his youngest daughter fifty nine years ago, the year 1848 when she was over eighty years of age — born 1768. She was a Mrs. Hogshead of Augusta County. Her two eldest brothers, James and Samuel, crossed the Alleghanies which was then called West Augusta. James located his "brush heap" right about one mile below Union, the county-seat of Monroe on the land now owned by the McDowell heirs.

James married Nancy Carlyle and there my grandfather was born. James only remained there a few years and crossed Swopes Knobe and located on the place now owned by the Laban Gwinn heirs. He built a block house and went to clearing up the land. That was about the

year 1772 or 1773. In those days the Aborigines were still roaming this country. When a man went to work he had to keep an eye over his household and the other to watch for the red man, and he would not have very long to wait until his Indian eye would see his unwelcome visitor.

In those days there was the "tomyhauk claim," the "brush claim" and the "corn claim" by which squatters could take up land, and much was located in this way; then they had to build block houses and forts for protection from the Indians, for that day the country was sparsely settled and when the news was heralded over the country that the Indians were approaching, the squatters would flee to the forts for refuge. Uncle Jimmy Gwinn (as he was called) tolerably early in life became bald headed. He and his family lived two miles from the fort which was located on the same site where the C and O Depot stands at Lowell, Summer County. In those days the settlers, among other things, raised gourds which they cleaned up for powder gourds. When the alarm came that the Indians were coming they would have to get up and get to the fort to save their "top knots." So at one time Uncle Jimmy and his family had to flee and in their excitement they left the old powder gourd on the floor of his shack and when he got his family off, Uncle Jimmy got on his horse to reconnoiter around a little. It happened that the Indians got between him and the fort and he had to retreat to save his head, so he was out several days before he reached the fort. The family became uneasy and sent out two or three men to hunt up Jimmy. They slipped all around through the woods and finally returned to his cabin and peeping through a crack they saw the old powder gourd on the floor. They flew back to the fort in great haste and reported Jimmy had been murdered by the Indians and they had cut off his head for they saw it on the floor of his cabin. Jimmy escaped the tortures of the Indians and lived to be quite an old man and raised a very large family. His sons were Robert, James, Samuel and Joseph. Robert married Sally Thompson, James, Jr., married Polly Frog, Samuel married Maglin Johnson, Joseph married Marg. Taylor. All raised large families.

At an early date all the Gwinns east of the Alleghanies lived in Greenbrier County. About the year of 1700 there was a line run right through Greenbrier County — south of the line was named for President Monroe. Then the Gwinns became citizens of Monroe which they are proud of. Robert and Joseph remained in old Monroe as long

as they lived. James and Samuel went west at an early date. Joseph Gwinn, the youngest son of Uncle Jimmy, raised twelve children. Boys — John, Sylvester, James, Augustus and Joseph. Girls — Nancy, Martha, Miriam, Sally, Belliscent, Mary and Pauline. Sylvester married Elizabeth Williams, John married Margaret Williams, James married Virginia Johnson, Augustus married Elizabeth Caraway, Joseph married Elizabeth Taylor, Nancy married John Meadows, Martha married James Graham, Miriam married J. W. P. Stevens, Sally married Samuel Gwinn (second cousin), Belliscent married S. R. Huffman, Mary married George Kellar and Pauline married Levi Jarrett. Most of them raised large families, some of them with whom the writer is best acquainted and whom he will mention later on.

Samuel Gwinn, brother of Jimmy, when he crossed the Alleghanies, first settled on Greenbrier River, one half mile below Lowell. He married the Widow Graham (nee Lockridge) and raised a large family. He and his wife had to go through all the hardships of pioneer life. His sons were Samuel, Moses, Andrew, John and Ephriam; daughters were Ruth, Elizabeth, Ibby and Jane. Samuel married Elizabeth Taylor, Moses married Mary Sargent, Andrew married Mary Newsom, John married Sally George, Ephrain married Rachel Kellar, Ruth married James Jarrett, Elizabeth married Robert Newson, Ibby married Thomas Busby and Jane married David Withrop.

Later Samuel Gwinn, Sr., sold out in Monroe County to his sons and settled on Lick Creek (sulphur) and it was said he became very wealthy and lived to be about ninety-four years old, as the head stone that marks his grave shows.

Two of his grandsons, Marion and Harrison Gwinn, now own and control the old homestead. We will have more to say of Samuel Gwinn's family later on.

A great many Gwinns have come from the old country to the United States and settled in almost every state in the Union — many of them in the states of North and South Carolina. One of them was a pioneer preacher of the John Wesley faith, some became statesmen, some politicians, some lawyers, some doctors, etc. The most of them were Presbyterians in belief and I never knew or heard of anyone of them being a Catholic, although they were of Scotch Irish descent.

Now we will go back to the family of Uncle Jimmy. Robert, his eldest son, was born and partially raised on the land now owned by McDowell heirs one mile below Union, Monroe County. He with his Father and Mother, while crossing Swopes Knobe to where he settled on Keller's Creek, struck a big elk track. They followed the track with two big dogs to near where the Upton M.E. Church stands and there Uncle Jimmy shot him. He was an enormous large one but they were very common in those days in this country.

Later on Robert married Sallie Thompson. She was raised on the place now owned by John Hodge's heirs. They raised a family of eight children — the sons were James, Alexander, Salathiel, Robert and Thompson. The daughters were Margaret, Jane and Elizabeth. (Author's note — In other reports these names are given as the children of Samuel by his second wife). The sketch of James will be found elsewhere. Alexander married Mary Guinn, sister to "Long Andy" as he is called, and went west and is now dead. Salathiel married Margaret Black, sister of Rev. Samuel Black. They raised a family — lived and died in Fayette County, West Virginia. Salethiel was a perfect nimrod in his day and time when it came to a hunt for game or bear. Robert married Nancy Ellison of Indiana and raised a large family. All of his sons were in the Federal Army during the Civil War. Two of them were Colonels and one a Captain, but their cousins in West Virginia were not built that way. Thompson married Rachael Harrah and moved to Kanawaha County, West Virginia and raised quite a family. Grant Hall of Charleston, West Virginia is a grandson — a Republican of the deepest dye. Margaret married Nathan Viney, moved to Missouri, raised five children. They are all dead, parents and children. Jane married John Pine and had two children, girls. Their mother died when her baby was two days old and the grandmother raised the two children. Elizabeth married W. C. Riner — both are dead.

Robert Gwinn, eldest son of old Jimmy and grandfather of the writer, went through the War of 1812 and was a Captain in the Army. When a young man in the army he was very quick and active and never had a peer in that way. He died in May 1840 — ninety-six years old. Date of birth, 1744.

Andrew Gwinn, third son of Samuel (brother of Jimmy), went through the War of 1812 and was a Captain. The money he received for his services bought a good farm

near Lowell, Summer County, West Virginia, now owned by his nephew, "Long Andy." Captain Andrew married Mary Newsom and raised a large family — five boys and five girls. Their names were Thomas B., Samuel, William M., Andrew J. and Robert B. The girls were Emma, Sally, Elizabeth, May and Eliza. Thomas married Mary Graham, Samuel married Lucy Burdette, William married Sally Snapp, Andrew J. married Betty Gwinn in Illinois (his second cousin), Robert married Rebecca Maddy and Emma married Robert Johnson. Sally married William Scott, Eliza married Col. Wilson Lively, Elizabeth married Clemens Campbell and Mary married Michael Smith. All of these raised families of which many of them, both children and grand-children, are living but too tedious to mention for they are almost as numerous as some of the "Tribes of Israel," so this will finish up the sketch of Captain Andrews family.

"Long Andy," as he is called, is a grandson of Samuel, the old pioneer and as before stated, a nephew of Captain Andrew. He married Eliza Kellar, has one son only (James) and is now about 77 years old. He is one of the wealthiest men in Summers County. He and his son own about 2,000 acres of land in Summer, Monroe and Greenbriar counties.

There was a good many of the Gwinn generations years ago that settled in Bath, Highland and Augusta counties (Virginia). What relation they are to us the writer does not undertake to tell. He is only aiming to keep track of the posterity of David Gwinn, who was shipwrecked and cast on a coral reef and who settled in the Valley of Virginia, Augusta County, and whose two sons, Samuel and James, crossed the Alleghanies to this part of the state now West Virginia.

Now we will give a sketch of the family of Augustus Gwinn, the fourth son of Joseph Gwinn and grandson of old Jimmy. Augustus was born in Monroe about the year of 1825 — was a prisoner a long time in Camp Chase and after the close of the war, moved to the county of Greenbriar to his farm at the mouth of Muddy Creek, which he purchased from Rev. Lewis Alderson before the war for $6,000. There he lived a prosperous farmer and stock raiser. Later on his wife died. She was a Miss Caraway before marriage and who was one of the best women the writer has ever known. Some two years later he departed this life. Gus, as he was called by everybody that knew

him, was greatly missed by some poor people, especially. His family consisted of three daughters and two sons. The sons were J. C. and G. K. and are both prominent business men of Alderson. G. K. and two sisters, Sallie and Madora, own and control the farm that belonged to their father. G. K. is also in the furniture and hardware business and is one of the wealthiest men in Alderson.

James Gwinn, son of Robert and grandson of old Jimmy, married Sarah P. Meuson, and raised seven sons and two daughters. The oldest daughter married Thomas McHuffman and they raised a very large family. The oldest son, Joseph H., owns and now lives on his grandfather's farm near "Riffes Crossing." Norman D., the oldest son of James, married Jane Haynes — had no family. Both are dead. A. R., second son of James, married Esteline Ellis and raised five children. A. R., the writer, is now 82 years old.

A. L., the third son of James, married Mary Bonham, raised five children and has been dead about eight years. O. W., the fourth son of James, married Sue Lemons and raised one son, Oty, and he and his wife are both dead. W. A., the fifth son, married Frances McCuthens and raised five children. J. H., the sixth son, was killed at Winchester in battle the 19th of September, 1864. E. S., the seventh son, was killed by the fall of a tree on Harry Hayne's place, September 29, 1901. Louise, a second daughter of James, married Andrew Wiley and raised three children.

Six of James' children were in the Confederate Army at one time. A. R., A. L., O. W., and W. A. went through the war. N. D. died with brain fever early in the war. J. H., as already stated, was killed at Winchester. A. R. Gwinn's second wife was Betty Hinton. They raised one daughter, Annie. She lives at home now with her parents.

We now take up the family of Samuel Gwinn, Jr., who was the son of Samuel Gwinn, Sr., who crossed the Alleghanies about the year of 1771. He married Elizabeth Taylor and raised twelve children, six sons and six daughters. His sons were Jesse, James, John, Samuel, Andrew and Laban. The daughters were Polly, Jane, Sally, Juliann, Ruth and Nancy. Jesse and James went to Indiana when young and there married "the Huntzinger sisters" and raised families. John married Flora Graham and raised a family. Samuel married Sally Gwinn, raised a larger family. Harvey, the eldest son, is an exception of a man when it comes to honesty of a citizen.

The sketch of Andrew ("Long Andy") is found elsewhere.

Laban married his first wife, Malinda Ellis, and second wife, Widow Taylor, ne Bonham. S. F. and J. W. are sons of the first wife and are both married and have families. Polly married Alexander Gwinn. Jane married William Hanger. Sally married James Milburn and Juliann married John Ellis, first husband, and James Jarrett, second. Ruth married as her father a bit of a boy about 80 years old, John Reach, and raised four or five children. Nancy married Isaac Milburn and they lived in Indiana and became very wealthy. Both are dead.

John Gwinn, brother of Samuel Gwinn, Jr., and a son of Samuel the pioneer, married Sally George, a daughter of Thomas George, the famous hunter of his day and time. They raised twelve children, the boys were Harrison, Lockridge, Eldridge, Brackenridge, Samuel, John and Laban. The girls were Farncina, Kate and Cintha — the rest of his daughters I do not know.

This sketch has been written by request of J. C. Gwinn, son of August Gwinn.

By A. R. Gwinn

WILL OF SAMUEL GWINN

Monroe County, Virginia, County Court
September Term 1863

Will of Samuel Gwinn and
Family data D.A.R.
Copied 10/8/45—VG

Abstracted —

SAMUEL GWINN of Monroe County, Virginia

1. To daughter Mary Gwinn who married Alexander Gwinn
2. To daughter Jane Gwinn who married Wm. Hanger
3. To son Jesse Gwinn
4. To son James
5. To son John
6. To son Samuel
7. To son Andrew — property in Monroe County, Virginia on waters of Gwinn's Branch adjoining lands of George Keller, Andrew Gwinn (my brother) and on the mountain

adjoining the lands of Hoke, provided nevertheless that the said Andrew shall pay to my Executors $1500 etc.

8. To son Laban Gwinn, land on waters of Kelleys Creek bounded by lands of Jo__ Gwinn, my son Andrew Gwinn, Shanty Kincaid and Robin Gwinn's heirs, containing in the aggregate 353 acres provided that the said Laban shall keep me and my wife in easy and comfortable circumstances so long as we may live. (No punctuation VG).
9. To daughter Sarah who married James Milburn
10. To daughter Julia Ann who married John Ellis
11. To daughter Ruth who married John Roach
12. To daughter Nancy who married Isaac Milburn
13. To children of James Freel by my daughtre Mary ½ a child's part.

Lastly — To wife Elizabeth to dispose of as she pleases
"I now recapitulate the legatees of my estate,

1st Mary Gwinn's children by Alex Gwinn
2nd Hanger's children
3rd Jesse Gwinn's children
4th James Gwinn or his children
5th John Gwinn or his children
6th Sam Gwinn or his heirs
7th Andrew Gwinn
8th Laban Gwinn
9th Sarah Milburn's children
10th John Ellis
11th John Roach
12th Isaac Milburn
13th James Freel's children"

"I nominate and appoint as my executors, Ephraim J. Gwinn of the county of Greenbrier and my son, Laban Gwinn of Monroe, who will after qualifying according to law, carry into effect this Will."

Witnesses Samuel Gwinn
George T. Henry
James Gwinn
Augustus Gwinn
At Monroe County Court, September term, 1863.

This is a copy of a letter written to Harvey Gwinn of Lapel, Indiana by James Gwinn of Lowell, West Virginia in 1907. James Gwinn is the son of Andrew Gwinn, born 1821, who was the son of Samuel Gwinn and Elizabeth Taylor.

Lowell, West Virginia
Sept. 2, 1907

Mr. Harvey Gwinn
Madison County
Lapel, Indiana
Dear Cousin:

I have your letter of August 12th containing an invitation to the second annual Gwinn Reunion. We apprecite the invitation very much and would be glad to attend the reunion if we could, but are not in shape to at this time. Father would like to be there and I believe would go if he were stronger. But when you think of his age, 86 years old if he lives to see December 3rd, that is an old age. His mind is clear and he enjoys a very good health all things considered.

I will give you what the Baltimore Sun says the name of Gwinn means. It is a Welch name and is spelt Gwynn, means white, fair and is indicative of the complexion or color of the hair of those who first bore it. Other forms of the surname are Gwin, Gwinn, Gwyn, Gwynne and Gwinne. The above description is furnished by S. G. Oliphant, A.M. and Ph.D.

You asked in your letter for information we could furnish you about our Gwinn family. Our grandfather, Samuel Gwinn, came from Augusta County, Virginia to this part of the State (at that time all Virginia) on Calf Pasture River.

Our great-grandfather's name was Samuel. After a little search in an old book I find that about the year 1778 to 1780, Samuel (our great-grandfather), and James Gwinn, two brothers who sailed over the blue waters from Ireland, settled on the Calf Pasture River, and from thence to this vicinity.

Our grandfather Samuel, had five brothers — Moses, Samuel, Andrew, John and Ephriam, and four daughters— Ruth who married James Jarrett, Sr., of Muddy Creek Virginia married David A. Winthrop

Ivy married Thomas Busby of your vicinity and Elizabeth married Robert Nusom who went to Missouri and was killed (her man) by a nigger woman and burned up and the negro was hung. I don't know what part of Missouri they went to.

Our great-grandfather, Samuel Gwinn, died and is buried on Lick Creek at the age of 94, and about the year 1839.

Our grandfather, Samuel Gwinn, married Elizabeth Taylor, June 14, 1803. To them were born 13 children:

1.	Mary	b. 1804, July 1
2.	Jane	b. 1806, Jan.11
3.	Jesse	b. 1808, Jan. 11
4.	Elizabeth	b. 1809, Sept. 3
5.	James	b. 1811, Feb. 10
6.	John	b. 1812, Dec. 21
7.	Samuel	b. 1814, Nov. 18
8.	Sarah	b. 1816, Sept. 23
9.	Julia Ann	b. 1818, Aug. 13
10.	Ruth	b. 1820, Mar. 29
11.	Andrew	b. 1821, Dec. 3
12.	Nancy	b. 1824, Aug. 9
13.	Laban	b. 1829, Apr. 18

Our grandmother lived on what is now the Henry Melburn farm seven or eight miles down the river from here. Samuel Gwin died 1863, Sept. 8. Elizabeth Gwinn died 1876, Feb. 20.

Our grandparents are buried on what we call the Mason place where we lived when you and Samuel Hanger were in West Virginia, when I was quite a small boy but I well recollect your visit to this country.

Our Aunt Elizabeth Gwinn is buried at the same place that grandfather is. Uncle Laban died 1873, July 17th, and his mortal remains are buried at Riverview not far from his home residence.

Aunt Ruth Lindsay died 1886, November 26, and is buried close to our old home about four miles down the river from her Aunt Julia Ann. Ellis Jarrett died in 1887, May ___. I don't remember what day in May. She is buried in Greenville, Monroe County.

Do you remember the Sunday I and Uncle Jim was at your house for dinner in June or July 1881? I don't remember which month, but after thinking it was June, for

I came home the first of July. Uncle Jim thought he could swing but it soon made him sick and we laughed so much at Uncle Jim's expression at his rust snap of harness. (Sounds like something left out, but this is the way the record reads. V.G.)

I hope you will pardon me for so long a letter and likely lots of this you know. Since I have commenced to write, a letter has come from Nellie Ruth from Tucson, Arizona. It contains good news to me. She says she is getting stronger all the time. "I arrived in Tucson two years ago the first day of this month. I regard Arizona as one of the great climates to heal tuberculosis." Nellie is 20 years old her next birthday. She has made fine progress toward getting well since she left West Virginia.

We have had three rainy seasons which has made farming in some ways difficult to manage. The wheat crop is good this year — the hay is heavy and has been difficult to save. The corn crop is not one of flattering prospect. The spring was too cold and wet for corn to do well until late in the spring.

Can't you come to Virginia and see some of your relations? Most likely you can live a short time on what we live on all the time. I was away when Sylvester and Mr. Melburn was here two years ago. I must close hoping you may not cast my letter in the scrap basket until you read what you can of it.

Your cousin,
James Gwinn

PS. I would like awful well to step in the back way to the Gwinn Reunion sure.

State of Iowa
Lucas County

I, Irene Garton, being duly sworn on oath say that I have made a true copy of a letter written to Harvey Gwinn Sept. 2, 1907 of Lapel, Indiana by a cousin, James Gwinn of Lowell, West Virginia, and which I have in my possession. It was read at the 2nd Annual Gwinn Reunion in 1907.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Irene Garton this 6th day of November 1944.

J. H. Hickman, N.P.

REV. CALVIN JONES

The Rev. Calvin Jones was born in 1840 in Tennessee. His great-grandfather was John Mills, b. 1712, who married Sarah Beals. The following points Rev. Calvin Jones wrote of his life will be of interest to the descendants of Charity Mills Gwin, as she came from the same area in North Carolina and this John Mills was no doubt a relative.

"My great-grandfather, John Mills, youngest son of John Mills, married Sarah Williams at New Garden Friends Church, Guilford, North Carolina, and settled at Guilford County, North Carolina. He was a weaver and fuller by trade. At this he made quite a fortune. About 1782, in the fall he decided to move to a new country so his large family of children could have farms. It was this that caused him to move to East Tennessee. On the way he left his family in New Hope and took three of his sons, William, Samuel and Johnathan, and went on to prepare a home for the rest of his family in East Tennessee. The next fall he moved his family in to the new home and they were the first pioneers in the valley of Lost Creek. More families came later. One man, Isaac Hammer, who bought 250 acres of land for 50 shillings per 100 acres or 8 1/3 cents an acre. This was on the north side of Lost Creek.

William Mills, blacksmith, my grandfather, son of John and Sarah Millikan Mills, built a home at Lost Creek. He married Sarah Maulsby, daughter of John Maulsby of North Carolina. They had nine children — 4 boys and 5 girls. William Mills was ninety-three when he died in Jasper County, Iowa.

My mother, Jane Mills, granddaughter of John Mills, pioneer, lived in the hills of Lost Creek, Tennessee. She was an excellent tailor. In 1839 she married Isaac Jones, son of James and Rebecca Jones. They lived one year in Blount County and then moved to Lost Creek where father worked as a blacksmith. He bought 45 acres of land at $2.50 an acre in the hills. He built a log house, cut the trees and moved into it.

I was born on January 1, 1840 at my grandfather Mill's house in the hills south of Lost Creek. My mother told me in later years that the snow on that day was knee deep. My Uncle David, an invalid, being very childish and wishing to see the new baby, was granted his wish when I, only a week old, was wrapped snuggly in a blanket and taken, regardless of snow, to his home.

I lived at my home in Lost Creek and went to school first in my boyhood days at Lost Creek grammar school. I spent two years in Friendsville Academy, one of the best schools of the county (Blount County, Tennessee).

When the Civil War came up our lives were threatened and we moved to Iowa. While going through Kentucky I became ill with the fever and we were delayed ten days until I recovered. My bed was then put in the bottom of the carriage in which we were traveling and we continued our journey with orders from the doctor to stop when I was hungry and cook something to eat. We crossed the Ohio River and turned west and went into Wayne County, Indiana. We struck other Tennesseeans who had fled also and settled there, and here we also met some of our friends and relatives. We crosesd the Mississippi at Burlington and traveled until we got to Richland, Iowa, where my father and mother had brothers and sisters. We spent nearly a month there. We went eighty miles west from there to Hammers Grove in Jasper County and then to Hardin County where my father had a sister. We stayed there a short time and returned to Jasper County where we settled. Father got plenty of work gathering corn. My cousin, Emily Mills, and myself were put in a boarding school where we would be out of the weather.

I taught school in Jasper County, Iowa, two years at the best school in the county. In the school there were sixty scholars. Hammers County was pretty well made up of Hammers of Lost Creek and other Tennesseeans.

Here I had forty acres of land for myself. I cultivated it and raised big crops of corn, cane, Irish potatoes and wheat. In the winter I killed all of the prairie chickens that we needed for meat. Our cattle lived on the prairie. We lived here until August in 1868 when we pulled out to move back to Tennessee. We made the journey safely and started building up the Lost Creek Meeting. My father was a minister and was well acquainted with Quaker doctrines. We hardly missed a meeting.

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Now to go back to the work and meeting at Lost Creek. We lived about two miles from the meeting house and we had to walk to every meeting as we had nothing then to ride. Mother didn't always get to go as she was not able to walk so far. When we returned from Iowa we lived in the same old house which we had left. We then started in to make a living. In a short while we had a day school

started and an old schoolmate of mine from Friendsville taught three years and he and his wife lived in Lost Creek. Then John M. Parker, a man from North Carolina and from Earlham College, came down to help carry on the school and religious work. He stayed three years and a better man could not have been put there. Everybody liked him except wicked and mean people. The county superintendent one time told me that we had the best school in the county. Some of the wicked people who wanted to break up the school elected three commissioners who refused us money. They left us with small funds and as a result the school broke up. But we kept on with our meetings. Large monthly meetings were held.. So large sometimes that the meeting house and schoolhouse were filled and large congregations in the graveyard. They were the biggest and most wonderful meetings of the county.

Father went once to North Carolina Yearly Meeting. We had been used to attending Ohio Yearly Meeting. He always took a wagon and camped out at night. I went once to North Carolina Yearly Meeting in 1856 before I was grown. We drove a carriage for old Uncle Aaron and Aunt Mary Hammer who lived in Green County, Tennessee. There was a great company of sixteen with four carriages. We had a delightful time and got there fine. We stayed at a house on the way and got up early the next morning and went about 35 or 40 miles next day. We reached New Garden and stayed in the boarding school during Yearly Meeting. We met people from Ohio, Indiana and from all parts of the east. The next time I went by train.

In Lost Creek I held meetings with my wife in isolated places. We kept going farther and farther away from home. When there were no churches we held the meetings in log cabins. The houses were always full. Some times the houses wouldn't hold them and we had wonderful meetings. People sat on the ground and Rachel did the best preaching she ever did in the open. People were astonished that a woman could preach so wonderfully. We rode horses over the mountains to different meetings. The children were always glad to see us come home. We nearly always returned being wonderfully blest. When I began to preach I made a contract with the Lord. It was that there was no money in the work and no honor in it, and I accepted it. I went into isolated places where no other preacher would go. But the Lord was wonderfully good to us.

We kept up the work until Rachel broke down and I had to stay at home and wait on her. By this time I was

pretty well worn out and was not able to go about as I once did.

Now I'm old and feeble and my hair is white. I've enjoyed life and have no regrets unto our work to and fro. We did the best we could and I am glad the Lord sent us to accomplish our great work. I am satisfied that hundreds of people have gone to the great beyond who have been saved in our meetings and hundreds are still here. I don't know how long I'll have to stay here. In a few more months I'll be ninety-two. When he say 'Enough,' I'll not regret to cross the line."

THOMAS HICKS

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOS. HICKS, deceased

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. I, Thomas Hicks, being in perfect health and of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God, therefore, and calling to mind the mortality of my Body knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, have thought good to make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament.

Imprimis. To my beloved wife I give the plantation whereon I now live and four negroes — viz., Rose, Pleasant, Saunders and Mingo, together with five cows and calves, a yoke of oxen, a gelding horse, two pots and all the pewter in the house and a choice of the beds with the furniture thereto belonging; also as many plantation tools as is necessary for her use to her own proper use and behoof during her life or while she remains my widow. I also give her twenty head of hogs which hogs with the above mentioned cattle to be to her own disposal forever.

Item. I lend to my daughter, Rebekah Mills, four negros, viz., Phelep, Philis, Cloe and her child, and what cattle is in her care at my decease, together with the plantation whereon she now lives for and during her natural life, and the said plantation I also lend to her present husband, James Mills, for the term of his life.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson, Hicks Mills, after the decease of my wife, the plantation whereon I now live and a negro named Saunders to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson, Leonard Mills, the plantation where my daughter now lives after

her decease and a negro named Mingo after the decease of my wife to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to granddaughter, Borden Mills, a bed and furniture and ten head of cattle to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Thankful Mills, a bed and furniture and ten head of cattle to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandchildren, Robert Mills, Anne Mills, Serena Mills, Betty Mills and Sarah Mills, ten head of cattle each to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I lend the two before mentioned negroes named Rose and Pleasant left to my wife after her decease to my daughter, Rebecca Mills, during her life and then to be appraised and one or two of any grandchildren to buy the other's parts and the remaining part of my estate, after any just debts and funeral charges are paid, I leave to be equally divided amongst my living grandchildren at the discretion of my wife whom I leave and ordain my Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, together with Robert Southerland.

Item. And I do hereby declare and pronounce this to be my last Will and Testament — hereby revoking and renouncing do make void all other Wills by me made.

In witness whereunto I have set my hand and seal in presence of us.

Thomas Hicks

Witnesses: Shearrod Grimesley
Moses Hanshay

Ref. Duplin County, North Carolina
Book A — p. 186

EXCERPTS FROM THE GRAHAM FAMILY

by
David Graham

About 1778 to 1780 Samuel and James Gwinn, two brothers, settled and made their home near that of Graham. Before the Lowell settlement, the Grahams and Guinns were neighbors on the Calf Pasture River and had even both sailed over the blue waters from Ireland. It

was, therefore, but natural that in seeking new homes, that they likewise sought old friends; furthermore, they were related, at least by marriage — the wife of Samuel Guinn having been the widow Elizabeth Graham, nee Lockridge.

The writer was personally acquainted with Samuel Guinn and most of his family. He had five sons: Moses, Samuel, Andrew, John and Ephriam, and two or three daughters, all of whose names cannot now be recalled. One by the name of Ruth married James Jarrett, Sr., of Muddy Creek, and was the mother of the late James and Joseph Jarrett.

Samuel Guinn, Sr., moved from the Lowell settlement to Lick Creek about the year 1800, and died there March 25, 1839 in the 94th year of his age. His two grandsons, Hon. Marion and Sheriff Harrison Guinn, now own the farm owned by him. He accumulated considerable property, and it is said that at one time had $12,000 in silver which he divided among his sons some years before his death. The writer remembers to have seen his two sons, Samuel and Andrew, carry their part of the silver by his father's house in common grain bags, and in bulk there was about one-half bushel in each. This they carried over Kenney's Knob to their home near Lowell. Considering the fact that it was generally known that Guinn had his money laid up in his house, and it was also an open secret that his sons were invited on a certain day to receive each his share, it would seem rather a hazardous venture to lay two thousand five hundred dollars on a pack-horse and to travel the public highway alone over mountains and through sparsely settled community a distance of fifteen miles, but such was the case.

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The descendants of Samuel Guinn are many and are scattered over parts of this state and over several of the western states. They have always been regarded as people of strict integrity, upright and honest. Some of these who moved west, it is reported, accumulated large property while many of those remaining can boast of a competency and a surplus. Two of his grandsons, Andrew and Samuel, are now living at Lowell on almost the identical spot where their grandfather located one hundred and twenty years ago. Andrew is one of the largest land owners in Summers County.

We will note briefly some account of the descendants of James Guinn, the brother of Samuel, and who located here at the same time. The first cabin of James Guinn, according to tradition, was located one and a half or two miles up Keller's Creek from Lowell at what is now known as the Labin Guinn place. Our information is that he had four sons, Robert, James, Joseph, Samuel, and possibly there were daughters also of which we have no account. He died many years before his brother Samuel.

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His son, James, was appointed Ensign at the first court held in Monroe County. Joseph settled about a mile further up Keller's Creek, on what was afterwards the Red Sulphur Turnpike, and brought up a large family, among whom were John, Sylvester, James, Augustus and Joseph. The daughters were Nancy who married John Meadows, Balissens who married Robert S. Huffman, Pauline who married a Mr. Jarrett, Patsy who married James Graham, son of Wm. Graham, and Miriam who married J. W. P. Stevens. We might here add that Mr. Stevens was a very noted man, being as was called in the vocabulary of his day, a "Schoolmaster."

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Robert, son of James Guinn, Sr., settled near what is now the Riverview Church, and had several children, among whom were James, Thompson, Salathiel, Betsy and perhaps others. Robert was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. After his death his son, James, lived upon the old farm and died there at an advanced age about the year 1884. Several of James Guinn's children are now living among whom are Addison R. of Wolf Creek, Monroe County, Oliver, William and Edwin S. of the vicinity of Lowell.

Thompson Guinn moved to Roane County, West Virginia, several years ago and Salathiel settled on Horseshoe Creek in Fayette County about the year 1835 and his descendants are still to be found in that locality.

Samuel, son of James Guinn, Sr., married Magdalene Johnson and to distinguish him from his Uncle and his Uncle's son of the same name, he was known as "Maglan" Sam. He settled on what is known as the James Boyd farm on Greenbrier River about five miles from its mouth. He moved to the west near the year 1830.

(Mr. Graham wrote from a personal knowledge of the Gwins in Highland County, Virginia, and Lowell and Greenbrier Counties in West Virginia. Author.)

J. H. GWIN

J. H. Gwin is one of the pioneers of the Golden State, and is now in the livery business in Whittier. He hails from the Buckeye state, was born in Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, November 18, 1838.

His father, Enos M. Gwin, was a carpenter, and helped to build Kenyon College, located at Gambier. He had nine children, all living yet except one daughter. He came to California in 1853 and mined at Forest City for six years, after which he moved to Napa County.

The subject of this sketch worked at mining and in 1858 went to Napa. He was also for a time engaged in the livery business for several years at Forest City and in freighting at Virginia City.

In 1869 he came to Los Angeles County and for several years was extensively engaged as a farmer near Anaheim. At one time he had control of about 2500 acres. Here he continued ten years and then went to Lake County, remaining nine years, five of which he spent in teaming. At the expiration of that time he came to Whittier and established the livery business. Mr. Gwin is one of our true pioneers and is full of push and energy, always in a good humor and has a pleasant word for everyone.

Mr. Gwin was married in Napa County, California in 1868 to Miss Drusilla Evey, daughter of Judge Edward Evey, well known in Napa County. He represented Napa and Lake Counties before they were divided. Judge Evey now lives in Pasadena. He was supervisor of this County, and was one of the framers of the Constitution of California.

Ref. History of Los Angeles County, California, 1889, p. 739.

CONCERNING MILITARY RECORDS OF THE GWYNNS

Concerning the military records of the Gwynns in the U. S., it is shown by the records of the War Department that one JOHN GUINN (the letter W and U were frequently interchanged in ancient spelling) served as a drummer and a fifer in Capt. James Sullivan's company, Thirteenth Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. William Russell, during the Revolutionary War. He enlisted December 30, 1776 for three years and was transferred about May 1779

to Major Taylor's company, Ninth Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. John Gibson and was discharged December 4, 1779.

It is also shown by the records that one JOHN GUINN served as a corporal in Capt. Thomas Blackwell's company, Tenth Virginia Regiment, commanded successively by Col. Edward Stevens, Major Samuel Hawes and Col. John Green during the Revolutionary War. He enlisted January 6, 1777 for three years and was transferred about September 1778 to Col. John Green's Company, Sixth Virginia Regiment, commanded successively by Col. William Russell and Col. John Green. His name is borne on the roll of the latter company to and including that for November —, 1779, which is the last roll of the company on file.

It is further shown by the same records that one JOHN GWINN served as a private in Capt. John Steed's company in a detachment of the second Virginia Brigade, commanded by Col. Febiger during the Revolutionary War. His name appears on the muster roll of that organization for Jan. 1780, dated January 28, 1780, with remarks: "Expiration of service Feb. 29, 1780; discharge Tren.—"

Further official records show that one MINOR GUINN, of Fairfield District, South Carolina (also borne as Gwin), served as a private in Captain William Nevitt's company of infantry, second Lieut. Col. A. McWillie's Regiment of S. C. Militia of the War of 1812. His name appears on the rolls of that organization for a period from Oct. 6, 1814 to Mar. 7, 1815.

The records show that one JOHN GUYNN (borne also as Gwin and Guin) served as a private in Capt. John Thimble's company, subsequently Lieut. and Capt. Michael Shively's company of infantry, Seventh (Saunder's) Regiment of Virginia Militia, during the War of 1812. His name appears on the rolls of the organization for the period from Aug. 7, 1814 to Feb. 22, 1815.

One RICHARD GWINN is shown to have enlisted April 27, 1861 at Americus, Ga., as a private in Co. N, Fourth Ga. Infantry, Confederate States Army, and that he was discharged April 21, 1862 for disability.

A WILLIAM M. GWIN, JR. enlisted August 29, 1861 at Memphis, Tenn., as a private in Col. A, Adam's Regiment of Miss. Calvary, Confederate States Army, and was discharged April 30, 1862. It is further shown that one WM.

M. GWINN was enlisted August 4, 1862 at Granada, Miss., as a private in Co. D, Balentine's Regiment of Miss. Calvary, Confederate States Army.

One of the most distinguished sons of Maryland was the late Hon. CHARLES M. GWINN, Attorney General for the state, who was chosen to that office after one of the most hotly contested political fights in the history of Maryland. He was re-elected to the office of Attorney General in 1875. His widow, who was a daughter of Mr. Bevery Johnson, still resides in Mount Vernon Place. She has one daughter, MISS MARY GWINN.

Among living descendants of COL. HUGH GWYNN are HENRY GWYNN, civil engineer of Baltimore. BRUCE GWYNN of N. C., WALTER and MARY GWYNN of Washington, D. C. These three brothers served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Their brother, PEYTON GWYNN of the Confederate Calvary, was killed in a charge at Martinsburg, Va. They are the sons of MAJOR WALTER GWYNN, U. S. Army, who was afterwards Brigadier-General in the Confederate Army. He was a son of HUMPHREY GWYNN, who married a Miss Peyton. Humphrey was a son of JOHN GWYNN, descended from COL. HUGH GWYNN.

MR. THOMAS T. GWYNN of Baltimore, also represents the Welch family line of Gwynn. He is a son of DAVID S. GWYNN and grandson of DAVID GWIN of Bath Co., Virginia, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Concerning GWYNN ISLAND, there is a tradition given in Howe's History of Virginia that Pocahontas, in attempting to swim across the Plankitank River, was rescued from drowning by COL. HUGH GWYNN, to whom as a token of gratitude she gave the island.

Ref. Maryland Heraldy — History of Distiguished Families and Personages, The Gwinn Line and Arms — Emily Emerson Lewis. Copied by Vera Gwin.

MOSES GUINN

We, Samuel Wood, James Murdock and William Hale, Sr., all of Orange County, North Carolina, testify that we were acquainted with Moses Guinn, formerly of said County, and late of Green County, Alabama. We knew his family in Orange County, and that he left the following next of kin:

ELIZABETH, a sister of the whole blood, who is living and intermarried with Stephen Taylor in Orange County, North Carolina.

POLLY, a sister of the full blood, intermarried with John Reeves of Tennessee.

JANE, The children of sister of the full blood, who intermarried with David Allison of Orange County, N. C., and departed this life many years before Moses Guinn removed from this state (N.C.) leaving 10 children, her survivors, to-wit:

1. Elizabeth, widow of Wm. Anderson, deceased
2. Moses Allison
3. Joseph W. Allison
4. Jane married David McKee, Orange Co., N. C.
5. Grizzell Allison
6. David Allison
7. James Allison
8. Polly Allison
9. Catherine Allison
10. Sally Allison

(The first six are of age, and the rest are minors)

NANCY, sister of the half blood on the mother's side, widow of Wm. Ray, deceased, late of Orange County, N. C.

SALLY, The children of sister of the half blood on the mother's side, married Thomas Taylor, and departed this life before Moses Guinn removed from this state (N.C.) leaving the following children:

1. David A. Taylor
2. John Taylor
3. Nancy Taylor
4. Jane Taylor

(David A. Taylor is of age, and the others are minors under 21)

Nov. 29, 1823, Recorded in Hillsborough, N. C.

Ref. Alabama Records, Vol. XXXIV, pp. 28-29-30

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DAVID WILLIAM GWIN, D.D.

(The line of ancestors of Rev. David Gwin were Robert Gwinn from Wales, Capt. David Gwin, David Stevenson Gwinn and Rev. David Wm. Gwinn. Note by author).

Rev. DAVID WILLIAM GWIN, D.D., who, on his father's side, is descended from a worthy Presbyterian ancestor, who came from Scotland three generations ago, and settled in Virginia. There he amassed an immense land estate, a part of which, including the original homestead, yet remains in the family.

His father, DAVID STEPHENSON GWIN, a Presbyterian, died so late as 1879. The ancestors of his mother came to this country from England about the year 1660, on the restoration of Charles II, and settled in Culpeper County, Virginia. She was a Baptist, and a godly woman of unusually brilliant intellect, whose warm, earnest heart was enlightened by diligent study of God's word and directed by remarkable common sense. With pious, persistant, magnetic teaching, she sought to instil Christian truth into the hearts of her children, and to impress on on them her own godly character. Often she would retire with them to her chamber, where with closed doors she earnestly prayed for the salvation of their souls and the perfection of their characters. In the childhood of DAVID WILLIAM GWIN she would sometimes place her hand on his head and say: "This son is to be my missionary to China."

Brought thus early in life under the direct influence of Christianity, it is not surprising that DR. GWIN was from his earliest years a subject of strong religious impressions. His desire to become a Christian was increased at the age of twelve, when a Christian schoolmate accidently killed himself, among whose dying utterances was the expression, "I am prepared to die." This desire to be a Christian deepened on the removal in 1853 of his parents to Alexandria, Virginia, where he attended the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church of which Rev. H. H. Tucker was at that time pastor.

In the fall of the succeeding year, 1854, he was converted, united with the First Church of Alexandria, and was baptized by Dr. H. H. Tucker. He immediately began to take part in the public religious exercises of the Church, speaking occasionally in the prayer meetings, though with much timidity.

After two years attendance at the Alexandria High School, then taught by one of the distinguished Hallowells, he entered the freshman class of Richmond College in 1855, and was graduated in 1859.

Mr. Gwin's remarkable facility for acquiring languages, and the acuteness of his mathematical knowledge, together with his fondness for moral science, all united with his aptitude for imparting instruction, tempted him most strongly to break the covenant regarding preaching which he had made with the Lord, but he was withheld by the grace of God. And when, in 1861, the Church of Rome, Georgia, extended him an invitation to become its pastor, he consented on condition of a mutual probation of six months. The Rubicon thus passed, however, his mental distress, arising from the uncertainty of his call to the Gospel ministry, passed away never to return. He was ordained at Rome, 3rd November, 1861.

Ref.: History of Baptists in Georgia

1881 Part 2 — p. 239

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J. N. GWIN

J. N. Gwin, lawyer, Effingham, whose portrait appears in this work, first breathed the vital air in Crawford County, Illinois, near where Robinson, the county capital, was shortly afterward located. His parents, JOHN W. and LUCINDES GWIN, obeyed the admonition "to get married and go west." They moved from Virginia to said county in 1830, when that region was almost a wilderness, the wolves and deer being almost the sole occupants of the prairie.

Here the subject of this biography was reared, being the fourth child of his parents, but the eldest now living. He was brought up on a farm and accustomed to a life of toil. Having received a liberal education by going to the country schools some three miles distant, for three or four months of each winter, during the time he worked on the farm. At the solicitation of some friends, his father sent him to an academy at Marshall, Illinois in 1857, then in successful operation under the control of the M. E. Church, where he remained one year. The year spent at the academy created such a desire for knowledge in the young man, that his father sent him to McKendree College in 1858, where he entered the classical

course and remained two years, from which institution in 1860 he went to the Indiana Asbury University at Green Castle, Indiana, for the purpose of studying German and French, where he remained one year, returning to McKendree College; he remained one year and graduated in the classical course, in the ever memorable class of June 19, 1862, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

His father died a few days after the completion of his collegiate course, and he was left to commence life on his own resources. He taught school successfully for one year, then read law for a year with Judge Kitchell, at Olney, Illinois; served one year in the army, in the 5th Indiana Cavalry; was on detached duty as a clerk of the general court martial, at Pulaski, Tennessee, during the summer of 1865. Was mustered out of the service with his regiment after the expiration of the war, and immediately entered the Cincinnati Law School in October 1865, at which institution he graduated in 1866 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

In June 1865, the degree of Master of Arts was conferred on him by McKendree College. He was admitted to the bar at Mt. Vernon in June 1866, and commenced the practice of law at Effingham on August 1st of the same year, where he has ever since resided and practiced his chosen profession.

Ref. History of Effingham County, Illinois,

by W. H. Herrin

1883 Part 2 — pp. 30-96

G. W. GWIN

G. W. Gwin, merchant of Altamont, son of Simon Gwin and Elizabeth Henson, born in Jefferson County, Illinois, January 22, 1849. Our subject was educated in the common schools. He lived in Jefferson County until 1861.

His parents moved to Ramsey, Fayette County, Illinois and at the age of 17 he learned the plasterer's trade at Assumption, Decatur and Vandalia, working as apprentice for five years. He began taking contracts in plastery in Fayette County in about 1869. He came to Altamont on August 15, 1871 and located as a contractor and plastered some of the first buildings erected in that place.

In 1877 he engaged in retail furniture trade * * * 1878, erected hardware store * * *.

On 4th of May 1880, he sold a half interest in hardware to John Ensign, and with him, under the firm name of Gwin and Ensign, conducted hardware trade until September 22, 1880, when Mr. Gwin disposed of the remaining interest * * *.

He was married 1871, October 1, to Miss Sarah E. Plant, daughter of James Plant of Greenville, Illinois.
Ref. History of Effingham County, Illinois —

W. H. Perrin. 1883 Part 2 — p. 96

JOSIAH GWIN

Josiah Gwin, b. 1834, Jan. 28, Harrison County, Indiana

When eight years old moved with his father's family to New Albany, Indiana (about 1842). Education common schools.

1850, When 17, left school and took work with party of surveyors on the railroad from Lafayette to Michigan City, now a part of the Mountain Road.

His father died in 1852, was sheriff at the time, and Josiah went to clerk for Martin H. Rutter. Pineas M. Kent was appointed postmaster by President Pierce and Mr. Gwin was selected as his clerk.

1856, fall of, began career as newspaper man by accepting the city editorship of the New Albany Ledger, which he continued until 1860, when he was elected County Recorder. This office he held by successive elections until 1869.

1871, July, he founded the Daily Standard, a paper — soon after consolidated with the Ledger, and Mr. Gwin continued as editor until 1881 when he sold his interest and retired, but soon entered the journalistic field again and founded the Public Press, which paper he still conducts. He will also establish a daily newspaper at New Albany, Indiana, within a few weeks.

Ref. Biographical Souvenir — 1889 — Part 2, p. 86
Counties of Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison,
Jennings, Scott and Washington, Indiana.

ALBERT GWINN

Albert Gwinn, a prominent business man of Mount Pleasant township, Delaware County, Indiana, is one who has made his own way in the world in the face of adverse circumstances. Albert Gwinn was born 1855-9-27 in Hancock County, Indiana, a son of SAMUEL and JANE E. (CONGER) GWINN of Scotch and German extraction. They were married in Ohio and raised a family of four children:

1. Royal
2. Albert
3. Fanny and
4. Charles

The father died about 1860, but the mother is still living, and finds a pleasant home with her daughter in Hancock County. Mr. Gwinn was a Whig in his political views; and followed the trade of saddler as an occupation.

The subject of this biography was but eight years old when he was left to care for himself. He had no education worthy of mention, and until he was 25 could scarcely read or write. However, he took advantage of later opportunities for improving himself, and is now a well informed man, apparently as well able to successfully conduct his business affairs as if he had had much better opportunities than fell to his lot. He early became a general laborer, and in searching for honest work, travelled through almost every state in the Union, finally locating at Action, Indiana, where he learned the barber trade under Thomas Gardener and there he worked but one year, but in 1877 came to Yorktown, where he has since remained and has carried on a very successful trade. He now has a very comfortable home and a fine business in this growing village. He married in Hancock County, Indiana, 1878, 10, 27, Miss Frances Hiday, who was born in Hancock, Indiana in 1861 . . . to which union one son has been born — CHARLES GWIN, b. 1880, 7, 27.

Ref. Delaware and Randolph Counties, Indiana, Histories

Part 1 — p. 653

JAMES MONROE GWIN

B. 1837, 10, 22 — New Albany, Indiana
D. Unknown

Educated in Public Schools of city. During the administration of President Buchanan, from 1857 until 1861, was Assistant Postmaster of New Albany under his cousin, F. M. Gwin.

During the first year of the war he was in the employ of the late Hon. W. C. DePauw, supplying fuel for the government. In 1862, he engaged in the livery, sale and feed business with his father, BERRY GWIN, and in 1867 they added the undertaking business under the firm name of Merker & Gwin, and he is still engaged in this consolidated business with one of the most extensive plants in the city. He is a man of business energy and his popularity has won him a very profitable business.

Married in 1860 to Miss Julia Merryman, of Floyd County, Indiana, who died in 1872, leaving no children. He was again married in 1875 to Miss Carrie C. Warren of New York. Two children were born:

1. Newland and
2. Edith

He is the son of Berry Gwin, one of the old and well known citizens of New Albany, Indiana.

Ref. Biographical Souvenir — 1889 — Part 2 — p. 86

Counties of Clark, Crawford, Harrison, Jennings, Floyd, Scott, Washington, Indiana.

NICHOLAS GWIN

Nicholas Gwin, born about 1798 — native of Pennsylvania

died Sept. 1868, age 70
married Virginia to
Rebecca Smith (German descent — native Virginia)

When six years old, Nicholas Gwin removed with his parents to Virginia, where he afterwards married. He served two years' apprenticeship to the cooper's trade, which he followed in Virginia until 1827. He then bought a farm in Greene County, Ohio, and in 1835 came to Warren Township, Warren County, Indiana; he bought 160

acres of wild land, which he improved and resided on until his death in September 1868, in his seventieth year. He and his wife were members of the M. E. Church. Children 9:

1. George S. Gwin, b. 1828, Jan 3, Greene County, Ohio
2. Daniel S. Gwin, b. 1829, Aug. 25, Greene County, Ohio
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DANIEL S. GWIN, second of nine children born to Nicholas Gwin and Rebecca Smith, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, respectively, the former of Irish and the latter of German descent. Daniel S. Gwin worked on his father's farm until 25 years old, the last four years of that time farming the place on shares. He then farmed on shares in Adams Township, same county. In 1857, removed to a farm in Boliver Township, Benton County, which he sold three years later. Then he farmed on shares about five years. In 1865 he bought a partially improved farm of 240 acres in the Township upon which he still resides. The farm is now well cultivated. He was married in February 1853 to Phoebe Lank, native of Fayette County, Ohio. They had nine children, four of whom are now living. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church, and Mr. Gwin is a Republican. He is one of the prominent farmers of the county.

GEORGE S. GWIN, born 1828, Jan. 3 in Greene County, Ohio, is the oldest of nine children born to Nicholas Gwin and Rebecca Smith. George S. Gwin worked on his father's farm until 22 years old, the last year of that time farming the place on shares. He then farmed on shares in Medina and Warren Townships, Warren County, Indiana about three years. He then bought 40 acres in Adams Township, same county, to which he afterwards added more land. He resided on that farm 15 years. Most of the time he also operated a threshing machine during the fall and winter seasons. In 1869 he sold a part of the farm and came to this Township where he bought 80 acres of wild land. He subsequently improved the farm upon which

he now resides. His land is well cultivated. He was married February 23, 1851 to Margaret C. Kiblinger, a native of Logan County, Ohio. Four children blessed their union, two of whom are now living:

Sarah R. (Mrs. W. A. Colvert) and
Anna M.

Mr. Gwin and family are members of the M. E. Church; also of Summit Grange No. 247. Mr. Gwin is a Republican, and one of the Township's prominent citizens.

Ref. Gwin Families in Counties Warren, Benton, Jasper, Newton, State of Indiana
1883, pp. 355-356
Copied 2-27-35 by Vera Gwin

FROM U. S. CENSUS RETURNS FOR PERRY TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA

August 1850	Age	Occupation	Value of Real Estate	Place of Birth
Simon Adamson	43	Farmer	$1200	N.C.
Anna Adamson	38			N.C.
Elizabeth A. Adamson	14			Ind.
Spencer E. Adamson	9			Ind.
Catherine M. Adamson	6			Ind.
John N. Adamson	3			Ind.
James Christy	21	Carpenter		Ind.
Rupe Adamson	20	Hatter		Ind.
William Gwinn	35	Farmer	$1000	Ind.
Julia Gwin	30			Ind.
John A. Gwin	7			Ind.
Sarah A. Gwin	5			Ind.
Monroe Gwin	3			Ind.
Cyrus A. Gwin	6 mos.			Ind.
Eliza E. Conyers	11			Ind.
Pleasant Gwin	28	Farmer	$1000	Ind.
Hannah Gwin	25			Ohio
Walter T. Gwin	4			Ind.
John D. Gwin	2			Ind.
Charity Gwin	60		$3800	N.C.
Hannah Gwin	25			Ind.
Anna Gwin	21			Ind.
Oliver P. Gwin	19	Farmer		Ind.
Milton L. Gwin	17	Farmer		Ind.
Cyrus B. Gwin	23	Farmer		Ind.
Assanath Gwin	22			Ind.
Uiretta Gwin	2 mos.			Ind.

FRANCIS E. GWIN

Francis E. Gwin, former Probate Judge of Washington County, has lived in Kansas for 43 years, and has made a substantial record as a farmer and public official of Washington County. He was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1861, and is of Irish ancestry. His grandfather on both sides came from Ireland.

His father, FRANCIS C. GWIN, was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, had a limited education and spent his life as a farmer, his successive moves taking him out to Nebraska and finally to Kansas, where he died soon after establishing his home in Washington County. He is buried in the cemetery at Mahaska.

FRANCIS C. GWIN died in Lowe Township, Washington County, in 1891. His wife, Anne M. Summerville, who died in 1911 at the age of 88, was a daughter of John Summerville, who came from Ireland and was a farmer of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. Francis C. Gwin and wife had eleven children:

1. Mrs. A. M. Dull, who died in Washington County, Kansas
2. Mrs. Ella Rickert of Dickson County, Tennessee
3. James, who died unmarried at Mahaska, Kansas
4. William of Cedar, Iowa
5. Francis E. (elected Probate Judge Nov. 1916), Washington County, Kansas
6. David of Cedar, Iowa
7. Mrs. C. R. Baird of Santa Anna, California
8. John of New Plymouth, Idaho
9. Harry of Garnet, Kansas
10. Mrs. Nettie Wells of Mahaska, and
11. Clara of Mahaska.

FRANCIS E. GWIN lived in western Pennsylvania only to the age of eight years. In 1869 his parents moved to Tennessee, settling in Dickson County, a locality filled up with people from the north. Nine years later they moved from Tennessee to Iowa and from there to Nebraska. Francis E. Gwin attended common schools in these different states, and finished his education in Campbell University at Holton, Kansas. For several years he was a teacher, doing his last work in the school room in Lowe Township, Washington County. He taught in winter terms, and afterwards became a farmer the year round in Lowe Township, where he lived and practiced systemic indus-

try as an agriculturist for a third of a century. * * * He won the nomination for Probate Judge in the primaries after a contest with three competitors, and was elected in November 1916 as successor to Judge Robinson. In 1918 he was re-elected. * * *

Francis E. Gwin, on retiring from office in January 1921, removed with his family to a small farm just west of Washington, where he still resides. Judge Gwin, during his life in Washington has reared a family of children who have proved useful members of various communities, and he has a number of grand-children. He married in Washington County, March 10, 1887, Miss Cora M. Stratton, who was born in Wood County, Ohio, daughter of John L. and Dora (Taft) Stratton. Her mother was a distant relative of William Howard Taft. She was eight years old when her parents came to Kansas, driving overland in covered wagons. Her father served in General Sherman's Army on the March to the Sea during the Civil War, and on coming to Kansas bought a farm north of Washington, where he lived out his life. He held Township offices. Besides Mrs. Gwin there was one son, ARCHIE B. STRATTON, who lives at Washington. The oldest of the children of Judge and Mrs. Gwin was:

1. Merle D., who became a farmer and died at Crete, Nebraska, leaving five children by his marriage to Carrie Osterhout.

2. Roy Gwin, a graduate of the Kansas Agricultural College, is a Farm Bureau Agent at Iola, and by his marriage to Anna Brooks has six children.

3. Paul Gwin, also a Farm Bureau representative in Erie County, Kansas, graduated from the State Agricultural College; married Clara Rust and has two children.

4. Edith Gwin, a graduate of the Salina Business College, is connected with the Farm Bureau office in Junction City, Kansas.

5. Eva, a graduate of the College at Manhattan, married Ernest Benne of Washington County, Kansas, and has two daughters, Florence and Helen.

6. Bertha, a graduate of the Kansas Agricultural College, married Marion Cook, connected with the Westinghouse Electric Co., of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

7. Clara is the wife of Pearl Frost of Hydro, Oklahoma.

8. Louise, the youngest child, is the only one at home.

Ref. History of Kansas — by W. E. Connelley
Vol. III — p. 1472

THOMAS GWYNN

Settlement in and near Bardstown, Kentucky. * * *

The first arrival of emigrants direct from Maryland and was certainly in 1776.

Three years later and possibly as to the first mentioned a little earlier came THOMAS GWYNN, ANTHONY SANDERS (mechanic), and NATHANIEL WEBB.

Mr. Gwynn bought and settled on a farm about two miles northwest of Bardstown, near the sight of the now well known Nazareth Convent and Academy. Previous to the erection of the first Church of St. Joseph, a mile nearer town, his house is said to have been the church station for all Catholics residing within a circuit of eight miles. His name with that of Anthony Sanders is closely associated with the early Church in that part of Nelson County, out of which was afterwards formed the Cathedral Parish. Certainly, then no other two laymen in the state did more to advance Catholic interests and to secure a firm footing for the faith in Kentucky. Though the first named was a farmer, and the other a mechanic, neither was without culture. Each had a comprehensive knowledge of the sublime truths of his religion and the life of each was squared to the equally sublime mortality which is just measurement in human action.

About the beginning of the present century, two daughters of THOMAS GWYNN were married to Charles Rapier and William Rapier, and a third some years later, was taken to wife by Alexis Hagen, and became the mother of the late Rev. Alfred Hagen, a most deserving priest of the diocese of Bardstown.

In his old age, Mr. Gwynn had his home with his daughter, Mrs. Hagen, whose residence was more than five miles from Bardstown. Up to a short time preceding his death, which took place, if I mistake not, in 1830, he was in the habit, even on week days, of walking the entire distance in order to be present at the first mass in the Cathedral of St. Joseph. The late Rev. John B. Hutchins,

only a few months before his own death, told me that he saw him on one such occasion, in the depth of winter, and long before it was light, waiting patiently for admission to the Church. His remains are buried in the cemetery of St. Thomas.

Ref. Centenary of Catholicity in Kentucky — B. J. Webb 1884 — pp. 57-58

DAVID W. GWIN

Rev. David W. Gwin, pastor of the Baptist Church at Mount Sterling, Kentucky, was born in Rockingham County, Virginia.

His father, DAVID S. GWIN, was born in Bath County, Virginia, and followed the mercantile business all his life in Alexandria, Virginia. He was a son of Captain DAVID GWIN, a native of Augusta, Virginia, and an officer in the Revolutionary War.

David S. Gwin married Frances Jayne Thomas Beckham, a daughter of Thomas Beckham of Culpeper County, Virginia. To this union were born thirteen children, seven of whom are now living, viz.:

1. Thomas Thorton
2. David William m. Jennie Crawford Howell
3. Fannie G.
4. Mary Susan
5. Oriella F.
6. Louisa
7. George B.
8. Ella
9. Lavice
10. James A.
11.
12.
13.

David William Gwin, our subject, was brought up in Alexandria, Virginia; was educated at the Richmond College, and graduated from that institution with high honors in 1859. He was licensed to preach in 1859; in 1861 was ordained at Rome, Georgia; became pastor of the Baptist Church at that place until 1868 when he became pastor of the Baptist Church at Montgomery, Alabama, and remained there until 1876; then went to Atlanta, Georgia, and served as pastor there until 1884. He was then made

Professor of Languages and Moral Philosophy at Hollin's Institute, near Roanoke City, Virginia, and remained there until 1886, at which time he assumed the pastorship of the Baptist Church at Mount Sterling, Kentucky. He has had the degrees of LLD, DD, AM and BB conferred upon him, and is a graduate of the Atlanta Medical College. October 13, 1863 he married Miss Jennie Crawford Howell, a daughter of Rev. P. B. C. Howell, pastor of the Baptist Church at Nashville, Tennessee. To this union were born seven children, five of whom are living.

1. Howell B. Gwin
2. Annie Gwin
3. Crawford Gwin
4. Gertrude Gwin
5. Jenniewill Gwin
6. David Crawford Gwin
7. Mary D. Young Gwin

Mr. Gwin united with the Church in 1854 and is also an enthusiastic Mason, having taken all the degrees in the ancient York Rite. He is also a K of H and in politics is a Democrat.

Ref. History of Kentucky by Perrin, 1888
p. 836
Copied by Vera Gwin

JABIN R. GWIN

Among the successful and self made men of Sherwood, the subject of this narrative occupies a prominent position. He was born in Green Township, Richland County, Ohio, January 17, 1816.

His father, JOSEPH GWIN, who was a farmer, had two sons, Jabin R. and Calvin W.

Jabin R. Gwin lived at home until he was 17, when he commenced life for himself as a farm laborer. At the age of 22 he was married to Miss Lorinda Pease, of Genesee County, N. Y., where she was born on November 22, 1820.

In 1840 he came to Michigan and purchased a farm in Cass County. His venture proved unprofitable and in 1848 he removed to Wisconsin. After a residence of two years he returned to Sherwood and purchased a farm now owned by Frank Ensign. Two years subsequently he sold

and purchased the farm where he now resides, which at present consists of 200 acres. The land was entirely new, and the fine farm of today is the result of his own energy and industry. * * *

Mr. and Mrs. Gwin have been blessed with seven children, three of whom are now dead. Both have passed through the ordeal of the construction of a farm and a home from the wilderness, and are entitled to the appellation of the old settlers. Mr. Gwin has never sought political preferment, nor has his name been known in official circles. He has pursued a line of life where the goal has proved a satisfaction. Among the people of Sherwood, none stand higher for integrity and those enobling qualities that make a true man. Both himself and wife are members of the Methodist Church and are liberal supporters of the Church interests.

Ref. History of Branch County, Michigan, 1879, p. 337

WILL OF WILLIAM GWIN

Typed: "Evidence that John Gwynn is the father of William Gwynn of Maryland. The following is an exact copy of the Will of William Gwynn of Monkton Mill, Baltimore County, Maryland, dated 1812, 12, 24, and proved 1819, 11, 2, as recorded in Will Liber 11, Folio 82, Court House, Baltimore, Maryland."

WILL OF WILLIAM GWIN of Monkton Mill, Baltimore Co., Md.

b.
d. 1819, 11, 2, Will proven (dated 1812, 12, 24)
Recorded in Wills Liber 11, folio 82,
Court House, Baltimore, Md.

To wife, Eleanor

To Children of brother John:
William Gwynn
Frances, wife of William Stansbury
Elizabeth, wife of John Dempsey

and Jane (Jean), wife of Thomas Pole

Ann Crawford, "eldest daughter of said brother John, wife of John Crawford, long deceased."

Nephews: William Gwynn of Baltimore City, and
John Gwynn, Jr., of the County of Maryland,
Executors.

Ref. John Gwin of Maryland, Bible Records Relative to 1750-1823. Abstracted from photostatic copy and typed copy 3-25-48. Vera Gwin.

JOHN GWINN'S WILL

To eldest daughter, Mary H. Williams, one cow, calf and silver money

To son, Joseph (eldest)

To youngest son, Benjamin, land bought of Wm. Cage and Margaret, his wife, in Charles County, Maryland

To daughter, Ann, a negro — Betty

To wife, Ann, land bought in partnership with Wm. Barton Hungerford and the mill. At her death to go to my eldest son, Joseph.

Wife, Ann Executrix

Witnesses: John Harris
Joseph Ivy
Robert Yates

Probated 28, Sept. 1734

Ref. Annapolis Wills — Maryland, May 28, 1732
Book 21 — p. 192

JOHN E. GWIN

Hon. John E. Gwin, attorney, Lexington, one of the brightest of the legal talent in Holmes County, Mississippi, was born in that county 1844, December ___.

His father, JAMES M. GWIN, was born in Carroll County, Tennessee, about 1808, and was one of the old settlers of that state. He was reared there and about 1828 came to Mississippi, locating at Natchez, where he was Deputy U. S. Marshal. He was associated with Dr. WILLIAM Mc. GWIN, a cousin, also from Tennessee, and made his home in Natchez for a number of years.

About 1836, he removed to Holmes County of that state, and located on a farm west of Lexington and there made his home until quite aged.

He was married in Wilkinson County, Mississippi, to Miss Susan V. Davis, of an old and prominent family of Mississippi. She was born in Wilkinson County. When well advanced in years, Mr. Gwin moved to Lexington and resided with his son until his death in 1887. He was a prominent farmer and accumulated a large estate. His wife died in 1878. He was a prominent Mason.

Hon. John E. Gwin, the second in order of birth of the three sons born to this union, was educated by private tutors at home, and then entered the Lexington schools.

In 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate Army, 38th Mississippi Infantry, Co. A, as a private and served until the close of the war. * * * (long list of skirmishes and battles follow.)

In 1865, he was paroled at Gainesville, Alabama. In 1865, he combined reading law with Judge J. W. Dyer, and took a course in law at the University of Louisiana in 1866, and graduated in 1867. He began practice in Lexington. In 1885 he was elected to the Legislature. * * * As a lawyer Mr. Gwin ranks among the prominent ones of his part of the state, and is a deep reasoner and a clear and forcible speaker.

Mr. Gwin was married first in Lexington, June 1869, to L____r Gage, a native of Texas and the daughter of James E. Gage of Macon. Mississippi. She was reared in the last named state, received her education there, and there her death occurred in July 1878. They became the parents of two children: Susie and Julia Alice.

Mr. Gwin was the second time married in 1881, in Grenada, Mississippi, to Miss Bella Hughs, a native of Grenada, Mississippi and the daughter of Dr. Hughes of the last named place. The three children born to this union are as follows: Sallie Hughs, Jo Willie, and Bella Hughs, all daughters.

Ref. Biographical History Memories of Mississippi, 1891
Vol. II — p. 835

LEWIS T. GWIN

Lewis T. Gwin, a prosperous and progressive merchant of Cleveland, Boliver County, Mississippi, was born in DeSoto Co., Mississippi, 1858, 8, 19, the eldest of six children born to the marriage of

WILLIAM B. GWIN and Mary K. Tinsley, natives of Kentucky and Tennessee, respectively. Although born on Blue Grass soil, William B. Gwin spent most of his life in Mississippi, and died in DeSoto County, 1878.

His father, TAYLOR GWIN, was a North Carolinian who moved to Kentucky after his marriage, coming soon after to Mississippi, and locating at Warrenton, Miss., this being before the town of Vicksburg was platted. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was a man of intelligent and progressive views.

Her maternal grandparents were Coleman Tinsley and Margaret Henderson, natives of Tennessee.

Lewis T. Gwin was reared in DeSoto County, Mississippi. His father was an invalid the latter part of his life, and on Lewis's youthful shoulders fell the care of supporting his mother and five children until the latter could earn their own livelihood. * * * In 1884 he went to Texas, but returned a few months later to the home of his childhood and opened a mercantile establishment, which business he continued with success up to the present time.

He is unmarried.

Ref. Biography and History Memories of Mississippi, 1891
Vol. 2 — p. 836

ANDREW J. GWINN

Andrew J. Gwinn, one of the eleven children; farmer and feeder; shipper of Live Stock, Section 6, was born in Saline County, Missouri, September 19, 1839. His father,

MATTHEW CLAY GWINN (son of Bartholomew, born 1765, of Halifax County, Virginia), was a native of Virginia; and his mother, whose maiden name was Mary A. Thrailkill, was a Tennesseean by birth.

The youth of Andrew J. Gwinn was spent on a farm in Saline County, he obtaining his education in the common schools. August 21, 1878 he removed from Saline to Holt County, and now owns 160 acres of land with a choice orchard of 110 apple, 60 peach and other fruit trees. During the war he was a member of Co. F, Second Missouri Cavalry, of the Confederate Army, and remained in service for three years. He was in the battle of Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove, besides numerous skirmishes.

Mr. Gwinn was married May 22, 1870 to Lucy Ham, daughter of Adam Ham, Esq. He was reared in Saline County. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Gwinn consists of:

1. Mary, b. 1871, March 30
2. Minnie b. 1872, September 9
3. Jessie b. 1874, May 13
4. Otis b. 1876, February 28
5. Florence b. 1878, August 24, and
6. Robert b. 1880, November 22

Politically he is a Democrat and his religious preferences are with the Christian Church.

Ref. History of Holt and Atchison Counties, Missouri, 1882
p. 273
D.A.R. Library

DAVID GWIN

David Gwin died near Edgerton. He was the progeniter of the Gwin family of Platt, Missouri. He was born in Tennessee in 1804. He married China Cameron, born in Tennessee in 1804. Their children:

1. John Gwin, b. "went to California and died"
2. Deborah Ann Gwin, b. m. Henry Barnes
   a. Rachel, m. Scoot — 2nd Williams
   b. Mary, m. William Stone
   c. James, lived in Kansas
3. Benjamin F. Gwin, d. 1862, m. Catherine Cook, dt. of Adam
   a. Lilburn P., m. 1885, 10, 14, Mrs. Kate Snell, nee Jones
      1. Della
      2. Georgie
   b. Ella Gwin, m. 1881, Apr. 5, Thos. Robbins
      1. Kate
      2. Dow
   c. Narcissa Gwin, m. Eli Thomason
      1. Oscar
      2. Willis
   d. Lucinda Gwin, m. 1st, F. Hughes — no children
      m. 2nd, C. B. Cockriel
      1. Elmer
      2. Katie
4. Elisha Gwin, m. Agnes Masoner
5. Perry Gwin — dead

6. Daniel Morgan Gwin, m. 1st Dec. 23, ____ Penelope Masoner, no children. m. 2nd, Harriet Feeget
   a. George Gwin, m. 1st, Rose; 2nd m. Alice
   b. Albert, m. 1894, Feb. 28, Ollie West; dt of Green
   c. O. P. Gwin, m. Pattie Cook
   d. Robert Gwin
   e. Serelda
   f. Dama
   g. Walter

Ref. Annals of Platt County, Missouri — W. McC. Paxton pp. 773-774

NORTH CAROLINA CENSUS 1790

Alman Gwin family 5; slaves 10
Salisbury Dist., Stokes Co., N. C.

John Gwin family 7
Salisbury Dist., Guilford Co., N. C.

Nath' Guin family 1
Salisbury Dist., Surry Co., N. C.

Champion Guin family 2
5th Co., Morgan Dist., Burke Co., N. C.

Charles Guin family self, 1 boy under 17
Eleventh Company

Debo Guin family 4
Thirteenth Company

Daniel Guin family 7
Halifax Dist., Edge Combe Co., N. C.

William Guin family 7
Edenton Dist., Currituck Co., N. C.

William Guinn family 5
Edenton Dist., Gates Co., N. C.

Daniel Guin
St. Davids Dist., Hillsborough Dist.,
Caswell Co., N. C.

Edward Guin
Caswell District in Hillsborough Dist.,
Orange Co., N. C.

Hugh Guin family 9
Salisbury Dist., Rockingham Co., N. C.

John Guyn
Nash District in Hillsborough Dist.,
Caswell Co., N. C.

Thomas Guinn
St. Marks Dist., in Hillsborough Dist.,
Orange Co., N. C.

Ref.: North Carolina Census 1790
Copied from Riley Gwynn's data — Vera Gwin

JOHN GWINN PENSION PAPERS

September 14, 1832, John Gwinn, of Carroll County, Tennessee, deposed: that he was born December 15, 1764 in Orange County, N. C.; that he enlisted July 1780 from Orange County, N. C., under Captain Benjamin Rainey and Joseph Gresham (or Grissom) and served four months; that he re-enlisted March 1, 1781 under Captain William Gwin, Colonel William Lytle, brother of Archibald Litle, and later under the same Captain in Henry Lee's Legion; then under Captain Price in Colonel Thomas Taylor's regiment, as a substitute for Randall Elmore; that Edward Gwinn and William Gwinn were his brothers; that he was in Gate's defeat at Camden; Guilford, Brown's Marsh where he was wounded by a musket ball passing through his hip. (Signs by mark in the presence of Edward Gwin, Clerk of Court of Pleas and Quarters Sessions for Carrol County, Tennessee, who also swears with John McKenna, that they believe him to be a Revolutionary soldier.

He lived in Orange County, N. C., five or six years after the Revolution, then moved to Pendleton, S. C. (now Greenville), and from thence after about five years to Sumner County, Tennessee, where he lived about three years, then to Smith County for three years, then to Robinson County, where he lived until about 1821, and then to Carroll County.

Edwin Gwin__, his brother, was a wagonmaster at the same time he served his first tour. The regiment was raised from Orange County, N. C., and consisted of five companies under Captain Trice, Graves, Joseph Gresham, Rainey and one other whose name he does not remember.

General William Butler was at the battle of Brown's Marsh, — "in the beginning but left very soon. Some say the General's horse got scared and ran off with him, but others say that the General got scared and ran off with the horse. How the fact was, I know not." Signs a second supplemental declaration, himself September 11, 1939, John Gwin, then of Dyer County, applies for a new certificate in place of the old one which was lost.
Certificate No. 26893, Jackson Tennessee Agency
Issued July 10, 1834 Act of June , 1832.

Ref. Pension Papers
S. F. 93393 — Vol. 20 — Compiled by Bell
Merrill Draper, 1912

ORANGE COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORDS,

NORTH CAROLINA

Groom		Bride
165. Guinn, Joseph		Elizabeth Smith
1798 Nov. 5	—	M. Hart
		John Neves
Guoin, Haywood		Caroline Moore
1840-1-29	—	C. C. B. Pattle — J. Taylor
Gun, John		Ruth Hinshaw
1839 Sept. 18	—	
166. Gwin, John		Sarah Harper
1782 Feb. 26	—	Henry McClure
		John Debow
		Jesse Benton, CC
Gwin, William		Hannah McCombe
1782 May 4	—	John Willey
		John Gwin
		John Debow
Gwyn, Robert		Rachel Moore
1792 Nov. 24	—	Jesse Benton — CC
		James Moore
		John Taylor

Ref. Orange County Marriage Records
Vol. 1., A — H

PAUL R. GWYN
OF ELKIN, SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

A native of Elkin, he comes of pioneer stock, being a descendant of the fifth generation from James Gwyn, founder of the Gwyn family of North Carolina, his record being thus traced:

James Richard Gwyn
Richard Rand Gwyn
Charles Hunt Gwyn, and
Paul R. Gwyn

James Gwyn was lineally descended from the immigrant ancestor who came from Wales to this country as early as 1610, settling in Virginia, which was the home of his descendants for several generations. Born in Brunswick County, Virginia, he married Amelia Lenoir, whose

father, Colonel Thomas Lenoir, fought with the Colonists in their struggle for liberty and later came to North Carolina, becoming a pioneer of Wilkes County, North Carolina.

Richard Gwyn was born in Wilkes County, North Carolina and during the years of activity was prominently associated with the agricultural and manufacturing interests of the County, owning large tracts of land, and not only carried on general farming on an extensive scale, but operated a grist mill and a cotton mill. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Hunt.

Richard Rand Gwin, the second child * * *, assisted his father when young, both in mill and on the home farm, being reared to habits of industry. He developed an aptitude for business when young, and for a number of years, in company with his brother, Thomas L. Gwyn, and his brother-in-law, Alexander Chatham, he owned and operated the Elkin Cotton Mill. He married Mary Dickenson, of Grayson County, Virginia, a granddaughter of Martin and Mary (Bourne) Dickenson, life long residents of Virginia.

Charles Hunt Gwin received excellent education * * * Trinity College. Subsequently entered hotel business until his death in 1914. The maiden name of his wife, the mother of the subject of this brief sketch, was Elizabeth Perkins, daughter of Johnson Perkins. Her parental grandfather, Stephen Perkins, migrated from Tennessee to Ashe County, North Carolina, where he bought land and engaged in farming and stock raising. There both he and his wife, whose maiden name was Susan Smith, spent the remainder of their days.

Paul R. Gwyn attended first the Elkin Schools, later * * * Bingham Academy in Bebane, North Carolina, * * * subsequently Mr. Gwyn accepted a position with which he has since been associated, at the present time occupying the position of General Passenger and Freight Agent.

Ref. History of North Carolina
Elkin, Surry County
Vol. V — p. 37

JOSIAH GWYNN OF PENNSYLVANIA

Josiah Gwynn, farmer and stock grower, was born near where he resides on October 20, 1812, and is the son of Josiah Gwynn and Martha Dowlin.

His grandparents on the maternal side were natives of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania and were of Welsh origin. Mr. Gwynn's grandfather, Joseph Gwynn, Sr., came from London, England to what is now Greene County and was among the early settlers in this part of Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Joseph Gwynn, Sr., came to this county before the Revolutionary War, and settled on the farm which Josiah now occupies. This was an Indian settlement — or rather an Indian neighborhood — and he took what was then called "Tomahawk Claim." He left this country with the intention of returning to London, but got no farther than the island of Cuba, and there he engaged in a sugar plantation, and on his return he found other parties had settled on his two claims. He served as County Commissioner in what is now Washington and Greene Counties.

Josiah Gwynn's father farmed on the home place throughout his life. He was drafted in the War of 1812, and died 1864, aged 75.

Josiah is the oldest of a family of eight children. He attended school on his own farm, in the old fashioned log school house, which he has since seen replaced by one of hewn logs. He was married 1841, 3, 28, to Lydia Phillips, daughter of George W. Phillips and Susannah Myers. Mrs. Gwynn was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania in 1824. Her father was a farmer and butcher, and is of English descent.

Mr. and Mrs. Gwynn had eight children, six now living:

1. Martha L., wife of Wilson Huston
2. Joseph C.
3. George W.
4. E. E. , wife of Lacy Craft
5. John R. and
6. J. F.
7. Not shown
8. Not shown

Ref. History of Green County Pennsylvania — Samuel F. Bates (1888), p. 619

CENSUS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1790

Mary Guinn	family 3	Beaufort Dist., S. C. Census report 1790
George Guinn	family 3	Beaufort Dist., S. C. Census report 1790
Daniel Guin	family 6	Camden Dist., York Co., S. C.
John Guinn	family 4	Ninety-six Dist., Edgefield Co., S. C.
Morriss Guin	family 11	Ninety-six Dist., Edgefield Co., S. C.
John Guin	family 6	Camden Dist., Fairfield Co., S. C.
Daniel Guin	family 8	Camden Dist., Richland Co., S. C.
Chris Guin	family 4	Cheraw Dist., S. C.
Asa Guin	family 7	Cheraw Dist., S. C.
Jere Guin	family 2	Cheraw Dist., S. C.
Cader Guin	family 3	Cheraw Dist., S. C.
John Guinn	family 7	Ninety-six Dist., Greenville Co., S. C.
Robert Guin	family 4	South Port, Orangeburgh Dist., S. C.

SAMUEL GWIN LETTER TO POINDEXTER

Washington City, Oct. 14, 1831

Honorable George Poindexter
United States Senator
Sir:

My recent appointment of Registrar of the Land Office at Mount Salus, Mississippi, makes it my duty to address a few lines to you on that subject, and the causes that led me to apply for the appointment. I am a native of the state of Tennessee; was a volunteer under General Jackson in all the Creek wars (save one short campaign), and belonged to General Coffee's Brigade at the taking of Pensacola in 1814, and was in all the engagements below New Orleans. From my great exposure in the last campaign I lost my health, to this day has not been so restored as to enable me to take much exercise.

In 1829, the Postmaster General was good enough to give me a clerkship in his Department. From the time I entered upon the duties of my appointment to the 10th of August last, I have never been absent a day from my post.

During the last winter my wife contracted a disease which has terminated in a little consumption, and I am advised as the last hope for her recovery to move to a southern climate, and upon this advice and for the future happiness of a young family, I made my case known to the President and he was good enough under all circumstances to give me the appointment.

Fearing my non-residence may be made an objection to my confirmation in the Senate is one cause of this letter. Believing there will not be the slightest objection to my qualification or character, I would respectfully ask your indulgence as to my non-residence.

My father and six brothers were all engaged through the Revolutionary War, and were among the first settlers in West Tennessee, and had to contend with hordes of savages.

During the memorable seige of New Orleans I had the pleasure of being introduced to you by Governor Carroll, and during last winter I again had the same pleasure, but presume in the multiplicity of your business, that you have probably forgotten me. I can procure recommendations from the whole Tennessee delegation, and most of the Kentucky members with many other members of Congress, among whom is the late member from Mississippi, General Hinds, if it should be deemed necessary.

Under these circumstances, I am in hopes my appeal to a brother soldier, who participated so largely in that glorious event, the battle of New Orleans, will not be in vain.

I shall enter upon the duties of the office with a determination to discharge them faithfully, honestly and to the satisfaction of my country and so to act as not only to have the good will of my superiors in office but of the public.

I would merely remark that up to a few days past there was not a single applicant from the state of Mississippi.

Hoping that you will excuse the liberty I have thus taken in troubling you with a subject that is to me a very delicate one, but in the issue of which I am deeply interested, I will close this communication by wishing you health, happiness and prosperity, I am respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,
Sam'l. Gwin

Ref. FC NC
Bible Records
James Gwin, b. 1768, d. 1841, Miss.

MARSHALL GWYNN

Marshall Gwynn, farmer, Khedive, Pennsylvania, a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Greene County, Pennsylvania, was born in Jefferson Township, March 9, 1826. His parents, James Gwynn and Hester Cree, were natives of Greene County and residents therein through life. They were the parents of five children, two of whom are living, viz., Joseph Gwynn and Marshall Gwynn.

In 1861, November 29, Marshall Gwynn married Kate Hill, born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, 1835, September 3, daughter of Thomas Hill and Nancy Roseberry, who were natives of Greene County, where they remained through life. Mr. Hill died in 1876, and Mrs. Hill in 1890. They were the parents of eleven children, 10 of whom are now living.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Gwynn have seven children:

1. Frank
2. Frances
3. Thomas
4. Jesse
5. Ida
6. Remembrance, and
7. Albert

Mr. Gwynn is a farmer and owns 88 acres of land where he and his family reside. He is a faithful member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Ref. History of Greene County, Pennsylvania,
by Samuel F. Bates (1888), p. 737

JAMES HERVEY GWIN

James Hervey Gwin, one of the Mountain City's business men and who is engaged in the lumber business in the counties of Blair, Clearfield, Jefferson and _____ Indiana, is a son of Alexander Gwin, Sr., and Sarah Hallman, born in Blair County, Pennsylvania, 1845, October 16.

His paternal grandfather, John Gwin, was a native of Scotland, and some time prior to the Revolution came to Philadelphia. He served in the American Army during the Revolutionary War, at the close of which he married a woman who resided in Philadelphia while the British troops held that city and Washington lay at Valley Forge. He moved to Franklin County, and afterwards to Burgoin's Gap, which is now known as the famous horseshoe curve on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

His son, Alexander Gwin, was born in Franklin County in 1791. He learned the trade of a millwright and erected the first water mill built on the head waters of the Juanita River, at a point on that stream about one mile above the present Juanita shops of Pennsylvania Railroad Company, where his widow now resides, now known as Gwin Station, on the Altoona, Clearfield and Northern Railroad. He died 1856, , , in his 65th year of age. He was an old line Whig in politics, and a conscientious and active member of the Presbyterian Church, and was a man who was strict and careful in his family discipline, as the welfare of his children interested him more than his business affairs, in which he was successful. He married Mrs. Sarah (Hallman) Kough, a widow, who had by M. Kough three children, one of whom, Elizabeth, is now Mrs. Elizabeth Reese, of Frankstown. To Mr. and Mrs. Gwin were born six children, five sons and one daughter:

1. Sarah
2. Major George H.
3. Maxwell, who died in battle
4. Alexander Crawford
5. son ?
6. James Hervey Gwin, who was reared on the home farm

His paternal grandfather was a native of Scotland, and sometime prior to the Revolution came to Philadelphia. He served in the American Army during the Revolution, and married a Philadelphia woman. He afterwards moved to Franklin County, and afterwards to Burgoins Gap.

Ref. Biography and Portrait Encyclopedia of Blair County, Pennsylvania (1892), p. 355

WILLIAM McKENDREE GWIN

William McKendree Gwin was a native of Summer County, Tennessee, born near the present town of Fountain Head, on October 9, 1805.

His father, Reverend James Gwin, was a distinguished Methodist minister, who removed from North Carolina in 1790. He was a man of pronounced ability; a soldier in the War for Independence; helped to defend the frontier against attacks of the Indians; a friend of Andrew Jackson, and his Chief Chaplain in his Louisana Expedition.

He was in the fight of Horseshoe Bend, at Caney Fork, in November, 1792; at Nickojack in 1794, and at New Orleans in 1815. When he first came to Summer County, he stopped one year at Hamilton Station, "But the wickedness of the place was such that he determined to build a cabin in the woods, and trust in God for protection, and did so accordingly, and was preserved by a most indulgent God from the merciless savages." He was a personal friend of Bishop McKendree, and for him named his son William McKendree Gwin.

William McK. Gwin, after receiving a classical education, qualified himself in Gallatin for the practice of law, but abandoned it almost before beginning its practice. He then turned his attention to medicine and in 1828 took his degree at Transylvania University. He soon afterwards removed to Clinton, Mississippi, where he soon had an extensive practice. In 1833 he retired from practice on being appointed by President Jackson as United States Marshall for the District of Mississippi; was re-appointed by Van Buren. When President Harrison went into office Dr. Gwin resigned.

Dr. Gwin was elected to Congress in 1841 and served one term, declining renomination. Previous to his election he extensively speculated in lands, and had amassed a large fortune, much of which was dissipated during his term of office. He is said to have spent $75,000 a year during his term in Congress in high living and entertaining. Tradition has it that on the occasion when General Jackson was in financial distress, his friend Gwin offered to buy the Hermitage, which he proposed to present to his father for a residence.

In 1845 he was defeated for the United States Senate, and the same year removed to New Orleans to superintend the construction of the custom-house. He laid the founda-

tion of the building, and proceeded with the work until General Tyler was elected President, when he resigned and set out for California, where he arrived on June 4, 1849. The establishment of a State Government was the absorbing topic, and Mr. Gwin immediately entered into the discussion. He was elected to the convention which met at Monterey in September to frame a Constitution.

The first Legislature met in the ensuing December, and elected John C. Fremont and William M. Gwin as United States Senators. He was said to have been the first to propose a railroad to connect the Atlantic and the Pacific. In 1853 he introduced a Bill in the Senate appropriating $200,000 for the survey of a railway. On January 18, 1858, he reported a Bill for the construction of the Pacific road, but owing to the agitation of other questions no action was taken. He served two terms in the Senate, and closed his poltical career which had been a useful one on March 5, 1861.

He acted as an intermediary between Secretary Seward and the Commissioners of the Confederate Congress, to confer with the incoming administration on terms of peace and reconciliation. In 1863 Mr. Gwin was in Paris, and while there, on the invitation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, drew up a plan for the colonization of the Northern States of Mexico from the State of the American Union. For two years the intriguing continued but nothing came of it. Dr. Gwin was a strong sympathizer of the Confederate State of the South and rendered valuable service to the cause while in Europe. After the close of the war he returned to California and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died in New York on September 3, 1885.

Ref. Historic Sumner County, Tennessee — Jay Guy Cisco
pp. 251-2-3-4-5
In full

ALEXANDER GWIN

Alexander Gwin was born in the borough of Huntingdon, on the 29th day of December 1807, and died 1848, 3, 28, aged 40 years, 3 months. He received a collegiate education, graduated at Dickerson College, Carlisle, and afterwards studied law in the office of Robert Allison, and was admitted to the bar on the 9th of November, 1830.

Mr. Gwin came to the bar under highly favorable circumstances, and immediately enlisted upon a practice for

which he was well qualified, by education and habits, but the business committed to his care was chiefly that of his immediate family connections and friends * * * entered politics * * * edits Huntingdon Gazette * * * 1839 Prosecuting Attorney for the county, and in 1845 was elected to House of Representatives.

His father, Patrick Gwin, had been sheriff of the county for several terms, alternately with John Patton, and had an extensive acquaintance and influence throughout the county.

Ref. History of Huntingdon and Blair Counties, Pennsylvania (1883), Part 1, p. 83

COLONEL ANDREW DUNN GWYNNE

Colonel Andrew Dunn Gwynne, of the firm of Stewart Gwynne & Co., of Memphis, Tennessee, was born in Londonerry, Ireland, 1839, January 18.

He is the son of Andrew Gwynne and Ann Rosenborough who came to America in December 1849. The father was a merchant in Memphis until his death in 1862.

In 1859 he married Miss Eliza A. Henderson, daughter of Andrew and Susan Henderson.

When war came on he became a member of the Sumpter Grays, was elected Second Lieutenant and was soon after appointed Adjutant of Tennessee Battalion. * * * 1862, 4, 3, appointed Major and transferred to 26th Alabama Infantry. Lieutenant-Colonel with the 38th Tennessee Infantry; wounded in battle * * *. The war soon closed and borrowing money enough to bring his wife and child from Jackson, Mississippi to Memphis, he began the struggle of life anew penniless and disabled but with the same splendid courage that had characterized him in the long years of war. His first employment was as a second clerk on a Yazoo Steamer. Later he found employment at Memphis, and finally became connected with a firm at Des Arc, Arkansas, which subsequently opened in Memphis. The firm of Stewart, Gwynn & Co., wholesale grocers and cotton factors, was organized in 1866 and has been in existance ever since, though Col. Gwynn is the only surviving member of the original firm. * * * 1873, Director of State National Bank. * * * 1892, elected President of the bank.

He has one son, William F. Gwynne, who served with credit in the Spanish-American War as a member of Co. B, Second Mississippi, and has since been commissioned Captain in the military service in the Philippines.

Ref. Notable Men of Tennessee — John Allison — 1905
Vol. 2 — p. 179
D.A.R. Library

JAMES A. GWIN

James Gwin was well versed in the Scriptures, and had studied the human heart; hence his discources were * * *, and often times eloquent and powerful. He was gifted in prayer and exhortation, and won many souls to the Cross. Said a young minister, who was his colleague in Nashville, while Mr. Gwin was pastor there, "Brother Gwin, how is it that you are ever prepared to preach? You seem to be seldom in your study, and scarcely ever read." "Oh, my son," replied Mr. Gwin, "you do not understand it; you preachers of your class have to read and study books to master your subjects, but I know what the books are made of before they are printed."

Mr. Gwin was a brave man and never feared danger. He was a great favorite with General Andrew Jackson, and was his chief chaplain in his Louisiana expedition: he was present at the Battle of New Orleans, had charge of the sick, and did good service in preaching to the soldiers, attending the disabled and burying the dead. His conduct was such as to secure the confidence of the men and the officers, so that after the war ended he had unbounded influence with all who knew him in the perils and hardships of a severe campaign. He so completely won the commander-in-chief that when he came into office as President of the United States, he conferred appointments on his sons, and would have promoted the aged minister himself, only that he had a higher office than could be conferred by any earthly power.

His two sons are not unknown to fame — Colonel Samuel Gwin of Mississippi, and the Honorable William M. Gwin who was once U. S. Marshall in Mississippi, and a Senator in the United States Congress.

Before Mr. Gwin began to preach he was in several battles with the Indians and proved himself a valiant soldier. He has left a graphic description of two furious fights in which he took part, and which are incorporated

in this notice: "A battle was fought in the Horseshoe Bend of the Caney Fork River in November 1792. * * *

James Gwin was an early settler in Tennessee and long lived in Summer County, near the Kentucky line. His old family residence is still standing and is in full view of Louisville and Nashville Railroad, and a few miles from the famous Fountain Head Camp Ground. He has left a brief statement of his conversion and of his experience as a minister in early times. The account first appeared in the Western Methodist, published in Nashville.

The Church in the Wilderness, under this head, Mr. Gwin in "Recollections of the West," proceeds to say:

"In the fall of 1791, I passed through the Wilderness with about twenty families, and reached the Cumberland settlement in safety, though the Indians were very troublesome. * * *

445 — "We were hunters by profession; our home was the wildwood, and our employment the chase."

464 — Died in 1841, 8, 3, aged 72 years, at Vicksburg, Mississippi, at the rising of the sun. His last words were: "I die in peace. I have unshaken confidence in my Maker and trust, without doubt, in Jesus Christ."

Mrs. Gwin was one of the excellent of the earth — plain in manners, simple in heart, and full of affection.

Ref. Methodism in Tennessee — by F. C. Ferrin
Vol. I and II, pp. 429-430-443-445-464

DAVID M. GUINN

Washington County is proud to number among her native sons, David M. Guinn, Junior member of the law firm of Divine and Guinn of Johnson City. His birth occurred in 1881, July 8. He is the son of

Matthew S. Guinn and Elizabeth (Edmondson) Guinn, of Scotch-Irish descent. His father served throughout the Civil War in the Confederate Army and after the close of the war located in Washington County. He bought a farm here which he continued to operate until his demise on the 3rd of November 1897. Mrs. Guinn died in 1922, January 17.

He married in 1916, 6, 29 Cherrie May Preston

Issue: 1. Elizabeth, b. 1918, 9, 17
2. Isabella, b. 1921, 10, 1

Mrs. Guinn is a woman of much culture and refinement and a member of a prominent Virginia family.

Ref. Tennessee, The Volunteer State, Washington County — A. P. Foster and J. T. Moore — 1923 Vol. 2 — p. 284

MARRIAGE BONDS
JEFFERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Record of Marriage Bonds from Jefferson County, Tennessee, 1792-1851. b stands for bondsman.

Groom	Bride & Bondsman	Date	Witness
Gwin, John	Mills, Charity Mills, Isaac, b.	3-12-1810	D. Barton
Gwinn, Joseph	Blackburn, Milley	2-22-1808	———
Gwinn, David	Carr, Elizabeth	9-19-1829	———

CENSUS OF 1790, VIRGINIA

Data compiled by Mr. Riley Gwynn
May 1939

John Gwyn	family 5	List of Wm. King, Norfolk Co., Va., 1785; white souls
Patrick Gwin	family 8	List of Benjamin Harrison, Rockingham Co., Va., 1784; white souls
James Gwin	family 7	List of Benjamin Harrison, Rockingham Co., Va., 1784; white souls
John Gwin	family 5	List of Benjamin Harrison, Rockingham Co., Va., 1784; white souls
James Gwin	heads of families, Greenbrier Co., Va., 1783-1786	
Joseph Gwin	heads of families, Greenbrier Co., Va., 1783-1786	

Matt Gwin	heads of families, Greenbrier Co., Va., 1783-1786	
Samuel Gwin	heads of families, Greenbrier Co., Va., 1783-1786	
Thos. Gwin, Jr.		List of John Riddick, Nansemond Co., Va., 1784
Thos. Gwin, Sr.	family 7	List of Jeremiah Godwin, Capt. Willis Reddicks District, Nansemond Co., Va., 1784
David Gwin	family 8	List of John Cole, Nansemond Co., Va., 1784
Thos. Gwin	family 9 slaves 1	Lieutenant Buxton's Company, 1783, Nansemond Co., Va.
George Gwin	family 3 slaves 15	Charlotte Co., Va., 1782
Joseph Gwin	family 5	Upper precinct of the eastern shore, List of
Willis Gwin	family 5	Col. John Ackiss, Princess Ann Co., Va.
Bartlett Gwinn	family 5	List of James Bates, Halifax Co., Va., 1785
Alman Gwin	family 2	List of James Bates, Halifax Co., Va., 1785
George H. Gwinn	family 10 slaves 9	Pittsylvania Co., Va.
William Guynne	family 5	Isle of Wight Co., Va.
Hugh Guyn	family 4	Abingdon Parish, Glouchester Co., Va., 1784

John Gwinn	family 5 slaves 5	Kingston Parish, Glouchester Co., Va., 1783
Humphrey Gwinn	family 1 slaves 4	Kingston Parish, Glouchester Co., Va., 1783
Robert Guyn	family 5 slaves 4	Kingston Parish, Glouchester Co., Va., 1783

Henry Guyn	family 5 slaves 9	Kingston Parish, Glouchester Co., Va., 1783
Hugh Guyn	family 3 slaves 9	Kingston Parish, Glouchester Co., Va., 1783
James Guyn	family 1	Kingston Parish, Glouchester Co., Va., 1783
John Guyn	family 1	Kingston Parish, Glouchester Co., Va., 1783
Harry Guyn	family 3	Kingston Parish, Glouchester Co., Va., 1783

APPLICATION BY SAMUEL GWIN FOR PENSION

RECORDED by Nath. Rice, Clerk, Book E, Vol. p72 (or is it 672). Certificate of Pension issued 1834, 3, 22; rate $60. Regarded as a man of much integrity.

AFFIDAVIT: I was born in Augusta County, Virginia; I am in my 83rd year; was in the War of 1774; enlisted under Captain Gwin and went to Point Pleasant where we had a severe battle with the Indians in 1776. * * * I moved to the County of Monroe, with my wife and children for a year or two, then moved to a blockhouse, finally to _____ Fort. I returned to my cabin and devoted the month to hunting, although people of the settlements took their families to the Fort in the summer months. * * * January 22, 1835

Sgn. SAMUEL GWIN
(Very good signature — VG)

Ref. Pension Records
8th Wing, Navy Department, Room 1851
Copied 3-27-1937 by Vera Gwin
"Very difficult to read" — V.G.

GWINNS IN CULPEPER, VIRGINIA

Culpeper County, Virginia, Deed Book 6, p. 178

Deed dated 1842, 10, 15

Peyton R. Eldridge of Bourbon County, Kentucky, first part, to John Guinn of Culpeper County, Virginia, second part, and Mary (Guinn) Eldridge, daughter of Benjamin Gwinn, and wife of Payton R. Eldridge, and her children, third part.

Consideration, love and affection and $1.00, all right, title and interest which he, the said Peyton R. Eldridge, hath in the right of his wife, Mary, who is a daughter and legatee of the late Benjamin Guinn of Culpeper County, Virginia, in the estate of said Benjamin Guinn.

John Guinn, who is the executor of the estate of Benjamin Gwin, shall retain in his hands in trust whatever part of the estate is bequeathed to Mary Eldridge.
Silas Hedges — J. P. in and for Bourbon County, Kentucky.
Virginia, Culpeper County Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

C. T. Guinn, Clerk of the Circuit Court, certify etc.

* * * Recorded in Deed Book 6, page 178 * * *

C. T. Guinn Court Seal

Deed Book Q, p. 335, Culpeper County, Virginia

Benjamin Guinn and wife, Sarah, to son, John
* * * * * *

"Our family only has the tradition that Benjamin Guinn was born in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. Since he was born about 1754, the above notations by Crozier show an older man, and no doubt, the father of the man we present for Revolutionary service, and show the family resided there.

"Further search does not reveal another Guinn in Spotsylvania, except to say that Hugh Guinn of another Virginia County farther south, transacted business in Spotsylvania. I am sorry I do not have the exact reference but can look it up upon demand. (It was Gloucester Co.)"

The Will Book in which Benjamin's (Rev. recruit) was recorded was destroyed or carried off during the War Between the States, the County Clerk, Mr. C. T. Guinn, informs me, and he himself is a descendant of his son, Abiah, a brother of Mary Guinn Eldridge, reference of the Will being mentioned in Deed which accompanies the supplementary papers.

Tennie Selby Burk,
daughter of Ella Jackson Clay Selby.

THE GWYNN LINE

The Gwynns are descended from the wife of Caradoc, or Caracticus, as his name was Romanized or from some

other member of the same family. Caradoc was chief of the Silures, son of Cynobelin (Cymbeline of Shakespeare).

He had a treacherous step-mother, Carlesmandua, Queen of the Brogantines, by whom he was basely betrayed and surrendered to the Romans, A.D. 51. The wife of this Caradoc was a daughter of Gwynn ap Colwyn, son of the Prince of South Wales.

One of the descendants of this Chieftain, Owen Gwinedd (Owen Gwynn) was one of the largest contributors to the sustence of the Colony.

In 1610, Captain Owen Gwinn is in the list of "Lords, Esquires and Gentlemen who came to America under the third charter in 1611. He was the son of Sir John Winn (1553-1626) of the Winn family of Gwydir, by his wife, Sidney, daughter of William Girrard.

At the death of his elder brother, Sir Richard Wynn, Bart of Gwydir, in 1649 this Owen Gwynn, who had been knighted, succeded to the baronetcy. He married Grace, daughter of Hugh Williams.

Their son, Hugh Gwynn, represented Gloucester in the House of Burgesses, 1652-90, and was prominent as a vestryman, 1652-77, with Gwynn Reade, Captain Thomas Smith and others.

Ref. Pequet du Bellet, Louise in her Prominent Virginia Families, 1907 — Vol. 4, p. 12
Copied, D.A.R. Library, 5-12-37 — Vera Gwin

WILL OF MAJOR DAVID GWYN

Will of David Gwyn (Major in English Army)

David Gwyn, of the colony of Virginia,

County of Richmond —

To daughters, Elizabeth Gwyn
Sarah Gwyn
Katherine Gwyn
(Gwin in one recording)

To sister — Elizabeth Gwyn, wife of Mr. Benj. Gwyn of Bristol

To brother — Edward Gwyn, Clerk of Wales

To wife — Catherine Gwyn (1st m. 1678 Wm. Fauntleroy, who d. 1686; 2nd m. 1690 David Gwyn)

To sister Mary, my estate in Wales, near Hartford West

To son-in-law William Fauntleroy

To son-in-law Moore Fauntleroy

To son-in-law Griffin Fauntleroy

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand seal this 22 day of February, 1702.

Sgn. David Gwyn (seal)

In presence of Will Taylor
James Sherlock
Thomas Beale

Probated Richmond Circuit Court the 8th of March, 1704, and recorded in Will Book 2, pp. 78-79.

Also recorded in Virginia County Records, Richmond Co., Va., Vol. 7, p. 61, Library of Congress

Ref. Colonial Dames of America in the State of Virginia History and Register, Register of Ancestors — p. 470

WILL OF SAMUEL GRIFFIN

. . . . . .

Grandson, Griffin Fauntleroy

Grandson, Moore Fauntleroy

Grandson, William Fauntleroy

Granddaughter, Elizabeth Gwyn (daughter of David Gwyn and my son-in-law)

Granddaughter, Sarah Gwyn, daughter of David Gwyn

Grandson, Thomas Griffin and my

Grand-daughter-in-law, Winifred Presley, the son and daughter of my son-in-law, Leroy Griffin, deceased.

My son-in-law, David Gwyn

* * * * * *

To granddaughter, Katherine Gwyn

To son-in-law, David Gwyn

To my kinsman, Col. Tayloe, a mourning ring

To my kinsman, Samuel Godwin

To my kinsman, Col. William Tayloe and Mr. Samuel Godwin in Virginia and Col. Thomas Hewitt in England be overseers of this my last Will, requesting their friendship and assistance to my said executors.

Sgn. Samuel Griffin (Seal)

2-2-1702

Ref. Virginia Genealogical Records Committee Report, 1933

THE WELSH ANCESTORS OF THE GWYNNS

The name of Gwynn or Gwinn is of ancient Welsh origin and means "white." It was probably given to one whose complexion merited the nickname. * * * One line of the family descended from

Gwaithvood, the Great, who was the father in the 10th century A.D. of Gwyristan who married Nest, dt. and heiress of Prince of Powys.

Convyn
Blythin, Prince of Powys and King of Wales who died 1066, leaving son

Cadowgan — m. Gwenllian, dt. of Griffith Prince of North Wales
Madoc,

Rhiwallon — m. Alice, dt. of Lord of Arwistlie and had
Dolphin

Cynvelyn — m. Julian, dt. of Earl of March and had
Einion
Meredith
Griffith

Adda — m. Effa (or Eve), dt. of one of the Lords of Cery;
Howell

Ithel (or Johel) Gwyn m. Janet Say and was either father or grandfather of
John Gwyn m. Elizabeth Vaughan who had
Evan Gwyn
Howell Gwyn m. Lucie Winne
Edward Gwyn

Reginald Gwyn and Robert Gwyn of Montgomeryshire, Wales

John Gwyn (and possibly others) about the beginning of 17th century.

Ref. Abstract Media Research, p. 2

EXCERPTS OF LETTER FROM H. D. BERTSCH TO LIEUT. COL. M. D. GWIN

1105 North Indiana Ave.,
Kokomo, Ind.
March 22, 1935

Lieutenant Colonel M. D. Gwin,
Rensselaer, Indiana
Dear Sir:

Referring to your request to Mrs. W. W. Gaar, of Richmond, Indiana, for information about the family of John Gwin, I am enclosing, herewith, the results of research I have made among the records of Wayne County and other sources. In the course of my inquiry I finally got in touch with Prof. Elsie Marshall of Earlham College, who is connected with the Gwin, Mills, Marshall, Swain and other Quaker families that came from Tennessee to Perry Township, Wayne County, Ind., early last century. Miss Marshall has copies of the minutes of Lost Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends in Jefferson County, Tennessee, in which I found the following Minutes of Women's Meeting, 7-28-1810, "Charity Gwin offered a paper concerning her outgoing in marriage, which was accepted."

In 1814 Charity Gwin requested a certificate to Lick Creek Meeting in Indiana which was granted.

The name of Charity Gwin appears among the first members of a Friends Meeting organized in Perry tp. in 1816.

The above seems to make it certain that John Gwin and Charity Mills were married in Eastern Tennessee in 1810.

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I also made a trip to Centerville, Indiana, former county seat of Wayne County, where I had a talk with Mrs. Elizabeth Wolfe, a daughter of Cyrus Gwin. Mrs. Wolfe was named for an aunt of her father, a sister of

Charity Mills Gwin. She has the clock of her grandfather, John Gwin, now considerably more than a century old. Mrs. Wolfe told me that she compiled some Gwin and Mills data and sent it to the Thomas Marshall referred to above. She has nothing about her great grandparents. She told me that two children of Aaron Gwin, Emma Gwin and William Milton Gwin live at Losantville, about seven miles northwest of Economy.

Mrs. Wolfe also gave me the names of Donald Strode, a grandson of Pleasant Gwin, who lives in Kokomo. I called on him yesterday. He is a leading attorney here and U. S. Commissioner. He has nothing back of his great grandfather, but told me that his aunt, Mrs. Julia Gwin Smith, wife of William Smith at Delphi, might have something. She is a member of the D.A.R.

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Respectfully yours,
H. D. Bertsch

P.S. Mrs. Wolfe also told me that Napoleon Gwinn, a cousin of her father who lived in Eastern Tennessee, used to spend part of his summers at her father's home when she was a little girl, returning each winter to Tennessee. That was considerably more than half a century ago. HDB.

WHITTIER BEARD LETTER TO MRS. LILLIAN GWIN SMITH

Economy, Indiana
9-28-37

Mrs. Lillian Gwin-Smith
Shafter, California
Dear Mrs. Smith:

A few days ago I received a letter from William R. Williams asking me to write to you and give names of the Gwin family.

My mother's only sister, Charlotte Macy, married one of these Gwins — Pleasant — so it happens that I know a good deal about them. I do not remember you, but I do remember that my schoolmate, Jimmie Adamson, had some sisters that he talked about. I suppose you are one of them. Ella taught school at the Beech Woods School. My sister taught there a few years later and I taught there in the winter of 1889-1890. I remember your father. My

mother told me that Jimmie Adamson was the foster son of Rupe Adamson and wife and like a kid I was fool enough to tell him so. He did not believe it. Now about the Gwin family.

John Gwin and his wife, Charity Mills Gwin, came here from east Tennessee, Jefferson County, probably about 1820. Their older children were born in Tennessee, the younger ones here. I will give you names but not altogether according to age, as I do not know exactly how they come.

John, William, Aaron, Julia, Damaris, Pleasant, Lydia, Cyrus, Moses, Oliver, Milton, Hanna and Anna. Most of these I remember.

John lived and died in Northern Indiana
William went to Kansas before my time
Aaron lived near Losantville, Indiana as did Damaris who married Chambers
Julia married a Thornburg, and afterwards a (Milo) Lamb.

Some of her grandchildren live here yet
Pleasant has a son, Wimmer, who lives at Farmland
Cyrus lived and died in Economy
Oliver has a son near here
Milton married an Arnold and died near Moreland
Hannah married a Jenkins and
Anne married a Willis.

If you want to know anything more I will be glad to tell you what I know. I am nearly 66 years old and you must be several years older. I hope I have told you something you wanted to know.

Yours sincerely,
Sgn. Whittier Beard

WILL OF GEORGE HOLMES GWIN

Dated 1794 — Admitted to record 1796

Reference — F C Wills of Pittsylvania County, Virginia. D.A.R. Library, Washington, D. C., also Americans of Gentle Birth, Vol I, Page 228

"In the name of God, Amen, I, George Holmes Gwin of the County of Pittsylvania, State of Virginia, being

weak of body, but of perfect sense and memory, thank God for it, do make this my last Will and Testament.

FIRST, I give my soul to God, the maker of it, in hope of a perfect resurrection.

SECOND, my body to dust be buried in Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors. My worldly goods which it has pleased God to bless me with, after paying my lawful debts, I dispose of in the following manner:

ITEM, I give unto my beloved wife, Elizabeth Gwin, the plantation where I now live, during her natural life. Also two negros, Philos and Amey, and all horses, cattle, hogs and sheep with all my plantation tools and household goods, and after her death to be given to my son, Thomas Gwin.

ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Martha Bostick, one negro woman, Lucy, and increase.

ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Nancy Southerland, one negro girl, Homeal, and increase.

ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Elizabeth Fallen, one negro girl, Philas, and increase.

ITEM, I give unto my son, John Gwin, that part of my land on the south side of Sandy River, beginning on Sandy River at a poplar about the deep hole. Also a negro boy, Joe.

ITEM, I give to my son, Jesse Gwin, that part of my land on the north side of said river beginning on the east side of Rocky Branch, thence up the Branch to Wilson's line to the River at the Bear Garden line; also one negro boy, Lacy, one bay mare and one sorrel horse.

ITEM, I give to my son, Holmes Gwin, one negro, Stephen.

ITEM, I give to my son, Littlebury, one negro, Roger.

ITEM, I give to my son, Josiah Gwin, one negro, Amey, and land on Sandy River; ;also tools and stock lent to my wife.

LASTLY, I leave my two beloved sons, John Gwin and Jesse Gwin, to be my sole executors of this my last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal, this the 11th day of October, 1794."

Witnesses: Thomas Duncan
Jas. Robison
Matthew Sparks

George Holmes Gwin was the son of Edmund Gwin who came from Ireland direct to Virginia before the Revolutionary War. He probably was originally from Wales. He is reported to have been murdered by the Indians near Danville, Virginia. Three sons of George Holmes Gwin later settled in Harrison County, Indiana. They were Jesse, John and Holmes. Jesse served in the Revolutionary War.

CHAPTER V

GENEALOGICAL TABLES

Table 1

DESCENDANTS OF EDMUND GWIN

Edmund Gwin, Pittsylvania County, Virginia, from Ireland but of Welch descent, was reported to have been killed by the Indians.

Child
George Holmes Gwin. His Will was probated in 1796 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and names the following children:

I. Martha Gwin m. Nat. Bostick, b. Jan. 26, 1746, d. Feb. 14, 1818

II. Nancy Gwin m. ..... Southerland

III. Elizabeth Gwin m. ..... Fallen

IV. John Gwin, b. 1755-60 — Moved to Harrison County, Indiana in 1802 or 1803
   1. James Gwin
   2. George Gwin
   3. Edmund Gwin, b. 1785 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, m. 1812 to ..... Harbison of Danville, Virginia
      a. Celia Gwin
      b. Catharine Gwin
      c. David Howard Gwin, d. 1849, 11, 11
         (a) Edmund Taylor Gwin, b. 1847, 9, 1, Dubois County, Indiana
         (b) David Howard Gwin, Jr., b. 1849, d. 1854
      d. Sarah Ann Gwin — one report says she was the daughter of John — b. 1755
      e. Edmund Gwin m. Chloe Shields
         (a) Byrd Gwin
         (b) Bennett Gwin
         (c) Jane Gwin
         (d) Elizabeth Gwin
   4. Edmund Gwin II
   5. John Gwin
   6. Holmes Gwin

V. Jesse Gwin, b. 1758, Buckingham County, Virginia
   1. Jesse Gwin

VI. Holmes Gwin m. 1793 to Lucy Asten

VII. Thomas Gwin, b. 1772, Pittsylvania County, Virginia — m. Mildred Bates of North Carolina, b. 1780, d. 1859 in White County, Indiana. In 1811 they moved to Harrison County, Indiana.
1. Berry Gwin — was in feed and undertaking business in New Albany, Indiana.
   a. James Monroe Gwin, b. 1837, 10, 22 — From 1852 to 1861 was Assistant Postmaster in New Albany
2. William Vaughn Gwin, b. 1807 — m. Susan Hedrick in 1850 — In 1852 he was Sheriff of Harrison County
   a. Frances M. Gwin, b. 1829, 10, 22 — d. 1861, 1, 6 — m. Elizabeth Marian Porter in 1856
      (a) Lydia Blossom Gwin — m. Olin D. Gray in New Albany in 1883
      (b) Josiah Gwin, b. 1834, 1, 28 — In 1842 he went with his father to New Albany and was elected Sheriff.

Ref. Americans of Gentle Birth — Pittman, Vol. 1, p. 228
Vol. 2, p. 134
Will of George Holmes Gwin, Pittsylvania County, Virginia

Table 2

ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF ELIZABETH GWYNNE TAYLOE

Sir John Wynne married Lady Sarah Girard. They were the parents of Owen Gwynn. He came to America in 1611 and married Grace Williams.
Children

I. Col. Hugh Gwynne of Gloucester County, Virginia — Table 3. (The fact that Col. Hugh is a grandson of Sir John Wynne and Lady Sarah Girard and brother of Major David has been questioned by some.)

II. Major David Gwynn of the British Army, died about 1704. He married Katherine Griffith. Her first marriage was to William Fauntleroy in 1678. Major David Gwynn was a member of the Virginia House of Burgess, 1702-1704.

1. Elizabeth Gwynn Ldye — b. 1692, 12, 31 — d. 1745, 1, 28 — m. Col. John Tayloe, b. 1687, 2, 15 — d. 1747 in Richmond County, Virginia. Elizabeth was the widow of Stephen Lyde — no issue.
   a. Col. John Tayloe, b. 1721, 5, 28 — d. 1779, 4, 12. He was the builder of Mt. Airy near Warsaw, Virginia. He was a close friend of George Washington. He married Rebecca Plater, 1747, 7, 11. The Octogon Building in Washington, D. C. was built in 1800 by his son, John Tayloe.
      (a) John Tayloe, b. 1771, 9, 3 — d. 1828, 2, 29 — m. Ann Ogle
         (1) William Henry Tayloe — b. 1799, 1, 29 — m. Henrietta Ogle — d. at Mt. Airy 1844, 7, 19
            A. Henry Augustine Tayloe, b. 1836, 3, 27 — d. at Mt. Airy 1908, 12, 19 — m. Courtney Norton Chinn. They had the following 12 children:

1. Henrietta Ogle Tayloe, b. 1861, 7, 25, at Mt. Airy — m. Oct. 15, 1884 to Beverly Tucker Crump of Richmond, Virginia.

2. Benjamin Lasker Tayloe, b. 1862, 10, 8, at Oakland, Alabama — d. at Mt. Airy, 1864, 5, 4.

3. Sophia Tayloe, b. 1864, 3, 20 — m. at Mt. Airy June 7, 1894 to Philander Stansbury of Washington, D. C. — d. "Breyeland," Montgomery County, Maryland, 1928, 6, 20.

4. Sally Tayloe, b. 1865, 12, 29, at Mt. Airy — m. Oct. 18, 1888 to Key Compton of Norfolk, Virginia — d. 1947, 9, 25.

5. William Henry Tayloe, b. 1867, 8, 14, at Mt. Airy — d. in Richmond, Virginia, 1937, 12, 14.

6. Courtney Norton Tayloe, b. 1869, 9, 15 — m. in Richmond, Virginia, Dec. 14, 1908 to William Munsford of Alabama.

7. Estelle Tayloe, b. 1872, 3, 15, at Mt. Airy — d. 1956, 6, 6.

8. Henry Gwynne Tayloe, b. 1874, 5, 3 at Mt. Airy — m. Grace C. Lemon.

9. Elizabeth W. Tayloe, b. 1876, 7, 20.

10. Edward Blaken Tayloe, b. 1878, 5, 13 — d. at Mt. Airy, 1959, 4, 3.

11. Louise Plater Tayloe, b. 1880, 6, 12.

12. Beverly Tucker Tayloe, b. 1883, 3, 13 — d. 1886, 9, 29.

Ref. Virginia Magazine of History, Vol. 38, pp. 363-383. Abstract of Deeds and Wills in Richmond County, Virginia. Letter dated July 18, 1960 to the author from Elizabeth Tayloe, now living at Mt. Airy, Warsaw, Virginia.

Table 3

ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF COL. HUGH GWYNN

Col. Hugh Gwynn was the son of Capt. Owen Gwynn, Knight and grandson of Sir John Wynn, Baronet of Gwydir of Wales, and of Lady Girard, daughter of Sir William Girard. Col. Hugh Gwynn was a member of House of Burgess of Virginia, 1652-1690.
One Child
Rev. John Gwynn of Abington and Ware Parishes, Virginia

1. Jack Gwynn
   a. Hugh Gwynn, b. 1702 — d. 1756
      (a) Richard Gwynn, b. 1740 — died during the Revolution of yellow fever. In 1722 moved to Surry County, North Carolina.

2. Edmund Gwynn — m. Lucy Bernard

Ref. Colonial Families of the Southern States of America — pp. 248-252. No. 1 is from chart prepared by Vera Gwin.

Table 4

DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT GWINN WHO MARRIED JEAN KINCAID

Robert Gwinn came from Orange County, Wales, before 1745 and settled first in North Carolina. Later he moved to Augusta County, Virginia, where he bought 544 acres on Calf Pasture River.

Children

I. Captain David Gwinn, b. 1742 — d. 1822 in Highland County, Virginia where he is buried. 1st m. Jane Carlisle in 1770 — 2nd m. Viola Crawford 1790

II. James Gwinn, b. 1744 (est.), d ..... — m. Mary ..... He moved to what is now West Virginia in 1770-1780 and settled along the Greenbrier River.

III. Robert Gwinn, b. 1746 (est.) Reported to have moved to Kentucky. No later report on him has been found.

IV. Simon Gwinn, b. 1748 (est.) Reported to have moved directly from North Carolina to Kentucky. No later report on him has been found.

V. Samuel Gwinn, b. 1751 in Augusta County (Highland), Virginia — d. 1857, 3, 25. 1st m. Elizabeth Speece — 2nd m. Elizabeth Lockridge, widow of ..... Graham. Samuel moved with his brother, James, to Greenbrier County, now West Virginia, in 1770-1780 and settled at the mouth of Kelleys Creek.

VI. Joseph Gwinn, b. 1753 (est.) — d. 1817 in Highland County, Virginia.

Note: No records seems to be available of any daughters of Robert Gwinn of Wales.

Ref. History of Summers County, West Virginia, by J. A. Miller. History of Highland County, Virginia, by Morton.

Table 5

DESCENDANTS OF CAPT. DAVID GWINN — A WELL KNOWN REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER AND INDIAN FIGHTER

Capt. David Gwinn was the son of Robert who came from Wales. Robert was also a Colonial soldier and Indian fighter. Capt. David first married Jane Carlisle in 1770 — 2nd married Viola Crawford. He was born in Wales. Children of 1st marriage

I. Agnes Gwinn, b. 1771

II. John Gwinn, b. 1772 — 1st m. Margaret Bradshaw — 2nd m. Lydia Gum (or Gwin). Children of 1st marriage:
1. David Gwinn m. Elizabeth Stevenson
2. John W. Gwinn m. Emiline Gillespie
   a. John C. Gwinn m. a Gillespie
   b. Austin Gwinn
   c. Roberta V. Gwinn
   d. Margaret A. Gwinn
   e. Clara B. Gwinn
   f. David F. Gwinn
   g. Luella R. Gwinn
   h. Rosetta J. Gwinn
   i. Annie L. Gwinn
   j. George M. Gwinn
3. Jane Gwinn m. George Starr
4. Elizabeth Gwinn m. Musto Gwin of Jackson River
5. Nancy Gwinn
6. Luella Gwinn m. William A. Kincaid

Children of 2nd marriage
7. James Gwinn
8. Caleb Gwinn
9. Eleanor Gwinn

III. James Gwinn, b. 1774, d. 1848 — m. Rachel Stevenson, d. 1844
1. Mathew Gwinn
2. David Gwin m. Martha E. Pray 1842
   a. Emma V. Gwinn m. Henry Rogers
   b. David W. Gwinn
   c. Elizabeth Gwinn m. ..... Carpenter
   d. Margaret Gwinn
   e. Moses B. Gwinn
      (a) Carmen Gwinn
      (b) Marvin E. Gwinn
      (c) Fred W. Gwinn
      (d) Margaret L. Gwinn
      (e) Layton Gwinn
      (f) Annie L. Gwinn
3. James Gwinn m. Mahala Pray
4. Samuel Gwinn m. Ellen Denver
5. John Gwinn m. Nancy McLaughlin
6. Eliza Gwinn
7. Rachel Gwinn m. John Hiner
8. Ann Gwinn
9. Lucinda Gwinn

IV. Mary Gwinn m. Robert Lockridge

V. Elizabeth Gwinn m. Samuel Gwin in 1812

VI. Jane Gwinn, b. 1780, m. John Cleek

VII. Sarah Gwinn, b. 1782, m. Thomas Kinkead in 1809

VIII. Nancy Gwinn, b. 1784 — 1st m. Hugh McLaughlin — 2nd m. James Wiley

IX. Robert Gwinn, b. 1785, d. 1869 — m. Mary Stevenson in 1805

1. Jane Gwinn m. Thomas Blundell of Bath, Virginia
2. David Gwinn, b. 1809, d. 1872 — 1st m. Jane Lockridge, 2nd m. Hannah Folks
3. Cynthia Gwinn m. Thomas Brown of Franklin, Virginia
   a. Elizabeth Brown, b. 1843
   b. James Brown
   c. William Brown
   d. Irene Brown
   e. Martha Brown
4. James Gwinn m. Margaret Bodkin
5. Hattie Gwinn m. David Stevenson
6. Emily Gwinn m. Robert Lockridge
7. Amanda Gwinn m. Nelson Rogers
8. Robert Gwinn
9. Caroline Gwinn
10. Mary Gwinn
11. Houston Gwinn m. Jane Seybert
    a. Clarence Gwinn
    b. Elizabeth Gwinn
    c. William Gwinn
    d. Robert Gwinn
    e. Hiram Gwinn
12. Moses Gwinn m. Elizabeth Cobb
    a. William T. Gwinn
    b. Frances B. Gwinn
    c. Mary A. Gwinn

Children of 2nd marriage, 1790

X. Isabella Gwinn m. Capt. William Hogshead

XI. Margaret Gwinn m. Robert Conyer

XII. Rachel Gwinn, b. 1802, m. 1820 to William McClung

XIII. Susan Gwinn m. Capt. Silas Hinton

XIV. David Stevenson Gwinn, b. 1809, d. 1879 — m. 1834 to Frances Jane Beckham, b. 1815, d. 1879
1. William Gwinn, D.D., L.L.D., m. Jennie Howell
   a. Howell B. Gwinn
   b. Annie Gwinn
   c. Crawford Gwinn
   d. Gertrude Gwinn
   e. Jenniewell Gwinn
   f. David Crawford Gwinn
   g. Mary D. Gwinn
2. Thomas Thorton Gwinn m. Maggie Mohler
   a. Fannie Gwinn, b. 1868
   b. Jacob Gwinn, b. 1870
   c. Thomas Thorton Gwinn, Jr.
   d. Betty Long Gwinn, b. 1877
   e. William Francis Gwinn, b. 1880
3. Frances Gwinn, b. 1850, 5, 6 — m. J. Pike Powers

Ref. History of Highland County, Virgina, pp. 292-293-294-373
D.A.R. Lineage Book 71, p. 251
D.A.R. Lineage Book 79, p. 327
William and Mary's Quarterly, Vol. 8, Series 2, 1928
Arnold, Bagwell, Bryan and Other Families by Jessie T. Maines

Table 6

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES GWINN
b. 1744 est.

James Gwinn was the son of Robert Gwinn who came from Wales before 1745. Robert first settled in North Carolina but later moved to Augusta County, Virginia on Calf Pasture River.

James moved with his brother from Augusta County (Highland), Virginia along the Greenbrier River to what is now Greenbrier (Monroe) County, West Virginia. This was in 1770-1780. His wife was Mary, last name not known.
Children

I. Robert Gwinn — reported to have had a son, James

II. James Gwinn, Jr. He is said to have been the first white child born in Monroe County. He was born "soon after the Clendenin (Muddy River) Massacre" in 1763. He may have been the James Gwinn who married Polly Frogg August 15, 1793. One report says he had 12 children but their names or dates of birth have not been found.

III. Joseph Gwinn m. Polly Taylor in 1805

1. John Gwinn m. Margaret Williams. He lived at "Little Meadows" where he had large land holdings. He was well known as Squire John Gwinn.
   a. Lockridge Gwinn
      (a) A. L. Gwinn
      (b) Laban Gwinn
   b. Austin Gwinn
      (a) John Gwinn
2. Sylvester Gwinn m. Elizabeth Williams
3. James Gwinn m. Virginia Johnson. Both James and Sylvester went first to Wayne County, Indiana where John Gwin, b. 1784, lived. Later in 1841, they moved to Madison County, Indiana and are buried near Lapel.
4. Joseph Gwinn m. Elizabeth Taylor
5. Augustus Gwinn m. Elizabeth Callaway
   a. J. Clark Gwinn of Alderson, West Virginia
   b. George K. Gwinn of Alderson, West Virginia
6. Nancy Gwinn m. James Meadows
7. Martha Gwinn m. James Graham
8. Miriam Gwinn m. Jeremiah W. P. Stevens
9. Sarah Gwinn m. Samuel Gwin
10. Billicent Gwinn m. Simon K. Hoffman, 1845
11. Mary Gwinn m. George Keller in 1843
12. Pauline Gwinn m. Levi Jarrett in 1847

IV. Samuel Gwinn m. Madeline Johnston. Settled on James Boyd farm at Little Bend Tunnel. In 1830 "moved west."

Ref. Marriage Records in Greenbrier, Virginia County Court House
History of Alleghaney County, Va. — O. F. Morton
History of Monroe County, Virginia — O. F. Morton
History of Summers County, Va. — J. H. Miller, 1908

Table 7

DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH GWINN

Joseph Gwinn, b. 1753 (about), d. 1817 in Highland County, Virginia — m. Mary Benson. He was the youngest son of Robert Gwinn who came from Wales before 1745. Children

I. John Gwinn m. ..... Pickens

II. Jehu Gwinn

III. Moses Gwinn, b. 1797 — m. ..... Kincaid
   1. William K. Gwinn m. Rachel Gwin (a cousin)
      a. Robert Gwinn
      b. Joseph Gwinn
      c. William K. Gwinn

IV. Mary Gwinn m. Robert Lockridge

V. William K. Gwinn m. ..... Kincaid

VI. Elizabeth Gwinn m. Andrew Kincaid

VII. Jane Gwinn m. William Stewart

Table 8

DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL GWINN

Samuel Gwinn was the son of Robert Gwinn who came from Wales before 1745. Robert Gwinn first settled in North Carolina but moved to Augusta County, Virginia where he bought 544 acres on Calf Pasture River. The various records differ regarding Samuel's birth and death dates. Vera Gwin, in her reports, gives his birth date 1751 and his death as 1837, 3, 25, basing her conclusions on the following information:

> "Pension records shows birth as 1750.
> History of Summers County, West Virginia records his death as 1837, 3, 25, age 94 which would make his birth 1743.
> His great-grandson states that "he died about 1839, age 94 years," which would make his birth about 1745.
> His own affidavit dated March 12, 1834 reads, "I am in my 83rd year and was born in Augusta County, Virginia."

Another of his affidavits reads, "I was about 23 years of age in 1774 when I went in company against the Indians at Point Pleasant. His own dates are being used as all records seem to agree as to his being the fifth child. The first child, David, was born in 1743."

"1770 or a few years later came from Calf Pasture River, Virginia to Summers County, West Virginia.
1771 drafted from Augusta County, Va. and served under Capt. Lockridge.
1774 enlisted from Augusta County, Va. and served under Capt. Lockridge.
1774 November, discharged and returned to Augusta County, Va.
1776 moved to Greenbrier (served under Capt. Glass) which was across the Alleghany Mountains on the Greenbrier River near Lowell, Summers County, West Virginia.
1796 first patent of land to Samuel in Summers County, West Virginia.
1800 moved from Lowell, Summers County, West Virginia to Lick Creek."

Samuel went with his brother James, b. 1744, along with a member of the Graham family across the mountains from Highland County, Virginia (Augusta) to what is now Monroe County, West Virginia. This migration into what was Indian country was made in 1770-1780, or perhaps earlier. It is assumed that they and their families made the trip together but there is no record of this.

Samuel's first marriage was to Elizabeth Speece and his second to Elizabeth Lockridge, widow of ..... Graham.

Children of first marriage to Elizabeth Speece

I. Samuel Gwinn, b. 1772 (est.), d. 1863, 9, 8 — m. 1803, 6, 14 to Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of Nortcliff Taylor
   1. Mary Gwinn, b. 1804, 7, 1 — 1st m. Alexander Gwin, 2nd m. James Freel
   2. Jane Gwinn, b. 1806, 1, 11 — m. William Hanger
   3. Jesse Gwinn, b. 1808, 11, 11
   4. Elizabeth Gwinn, b. 1809, 9, 3
   5. James Gwinn, b. 1811, 2, 10, Monroe County, West Virginia
      a. Sylvester Gwinn, b. 1845, lived in Madison County, Indiana

(a) James Gwinn b. 1869, m. Stella Daveny
children — Harry Gwinn
Martha Gwinn
Grace Gwinn

(b) Alta Gwinn, b. 1878 — m. Ovid Robinson, b. 1872, 3, 12 — d. 1944, 12, 18
children — Fred Gwinn Robinson
Charlotte Robinson

(c) Anne Gwinn, b. 1872 — m. David Hobbs

(d) Sally Gwinn, b. 1880 — m. Charles Sowerwine
1 child — Joe Sowerwine

b. Laban Gwinn
(a) Grant Gwinn
(b) Forrest Gwinn
(c) Hazel Gwinn
(d) Ernest Gwinn

c. Suzanna Gwinn, b. 1837 — m. 1st William Prather, 2nd M. Sylvester

6. John Gwinn, b. 1812, 12, 21 — m.
a. James Gwinn — lived in Madison County, Indiana
(a) India Gwinn — m. ..... Prather
1 child — Ivan Prather
(b) Marshall Gwinn, b. 1874
4 children — Elizabeth Gwinn — m. ..... Sheip
Howard M. Gwinn
Herbert C. Gwinn
Robert Paul Gwinn
(c) Benton Gwinn
2 children — Georgianna Gwinn m. ..... Wilson
Hallie Gwinn m. ..... Shelton
(d) Samuel Gwinn
1 child — Marjorie Gwinn m. ..... Hoffman
(e) Lafe Gwinn
2 children — Betty Lou Gwinn m. ..... Moneyhun
Lewis Gwinn

7. Samuel Gwinn, b. 1814, 11, 18
8. Sarah Gwinn, b. 1816, 9, 23 — m. James Milburn
9. Julia Ann Gwinn, b. 1818, 9, 13 — m. John Ellis, d. 1887

10. Ruth Gwinn, b. 1820, 3, 29 — d. 1886, 11, 25 — m. John Roach
11. Andrew Gwinn ("Long Andy"), b. 1821, 12, 3
12. Nancy Gwin, b. 1824, 8, 9
13. Laban Gwinn, b. 1829, 4, 18 — d. 1873, 7, 17. He and Ephraim were executors of Laban's father's Will.

II. Moses Gwinn, b. 1774 — m. Mary Sargent

III. Andrew Gwinn of Lowell, West Virginia — m. Mary Newson
1. Thomas Gwinn
2. Samuel Gwinn
3. William Gwinn
4. Andrew Gwinn
5. Junius Gwinn
6. Robert B. Gwinn
7. Marion Gwinn, b. 1837 — m. Rebecca Maddy

IV. John Gwinn, b. 1789 (est. but known to have been prior to 1791) — m. Sarah George Thomas on Feb. 11, 1812 by Rev. Josiah Osborne
1. Eldridge Gwinn
2. Lockridge Gwinn
3. Austin Gwinn
   a. John Gwinn
4. Laban Gwinn
5. Breckenridge Gwinn

V. Ephriam Gwinn, b. 1799, 1, 14 — d. 1889, 5, 8 — m. 1822, 4, 11 to Rachel Keller, b. 1803, 8, 13. Ephriam established Green Sulphur Springs which he found while digging for salt.
1. Marion Gwinn was State Senator
2. Harrison Gwinn, b. 1840, 6, 26. Owner of Green Sulphur Springs, m. ..... McNeer in 1868
3. Augustus Gwinn, died during Civil War while in service, 1861-1865
4. Mrs. Marshall Richmond

VI. Ruth Gwinn m. James Jarrett

VII. Elizabeth Gwinn m. Robert Newsom — moved to Missouri

VIII. Ivy Gwinn m. Thomas Busby

IX. Jane Gwinn m. David A. Withrop
Children of Samuel Gwinn, b. 1751 — 2nd marriage to Elizabeth Lockridge, widow of ..... Graham. (In the History of the Graham Family by David Graham, he gives this list of children as those of Robert Gwinn, son of James, but the author believes they are Samuel's by 2nd wife.)

X. Alexander Gwinn m. Mary Gwin

XI. Salathiel Gwinn m. Margaret Black

XII. Robert Gwinn m. Nancy Ellison

XIII. Thompson Gwinn m. Rachael Harra

XIV. Margaret Gwinn m. in 1881 to Nathan Ving

XV. James Gwinn m. Jane Pyne

XVI. Elizabeth Gwinn m. W. C. Riner

Ref. Marriage Records of Greenbrier County, W. Va.
History of Summers County, West Virginia — James H. Miller, pp. 91, 656, 660, 663, 664
History of Monroe County, West Virginia — O. F. Morton, pp. 348, Year 1916
History of Highland County, Va. — O. F. Morton
History of Pocahontas County, West Virginia — O. F. Morton, pp. 323, 508
The Graham Family — David Graham.

Table 9

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN GWIN WHO MARRIED CHARITY MILLS

John Gwin, b. 1784, 1, 23, d. 1848, 10, 25 — m. Charity Ellen Mills, b. 1789, 11, 14, d. 1876, 3, 19. The marriage was in Jefferson County, Tennessee, 1810, 3, 12. She was a Quakeress. The reader is referred to in the narrative statement in Chapter III for information about the ancestors of John Gwin. In brief, the identity of his parents has not been established but it is evident he belonged to the Robert Gwinn (from Wales) family and was probably one of the grandsons of this Robert. The basis for connecting this Indiana branch of the Gwins with the Virginia and West Virginia Robert Gwinn branch is —

1st — both branches once spelled their name with two n's

2nd — both branches settled about the same time in Wayne County, Indiana, and
3rd — there was visiting in the early days between those in Madison County, Indiana and those in Wayne County, Indiana.

The following are the children of John Gwin and Charity Mills Gwin:

I. Demaris Gwin, b. 1810, 12, 20. Lived near Losantville, Indiana, m. ..... Chambers

II. Julia Anne Gwin, b. 1812, 5, 28, d. 1895, 2, 2 — 1st m. Milton Thornberg, 2nd m. Milo Lamb ("After Aunt Julia's husband died she married my uncle Miles Lamb. She was a saint." From a letter dated 1937 from Lillie Adamson to Vera Gwin.)
1. Milton Thornburg
2. Mary Jane m. ..... Little of Savensburg, Kansas
   a. "Mittie"
   b. Will — had daughter, Sylvia, who lived near Stark, Kansas
   c. John
   d. Eddie
   e. Emma
   f. Nettie
   g. Jennie
3. Elvin Pleasant

III. Allen Gwin, b. 1813, 7, 29 — d. 1816, 9, 10

IV. William Gwin, b. 1815, 1, 7, Wayne County, Indiana — d. 1882, 1, 21, near Stark, Kansas — m. Julia Swain Conyers, widow of William Conyers, b. 1818, 11, 22 — d. 1885, 11, 30, in Crawford County, Kansas. William Gwin went bond for a friend and lost all his property. He moved from Indiana to Kansas to begin anew.
1. John Allen Gwin, b. 1843, 7, 10, Wayne County, Indiana — d. 1907, 11, 27 in Eugene, Oregon. In 1863, 8, 20, he enlisted in the 51st Indiana Infantry, Co. B, and served during the remainder of the Civil War. Married 1884, 2, 14, Ella Sarah Adamson, b. 1856, 11, 4, near Economy, Indiana, d. 1921, 7, 24 in Washington, D. C.
   a. Vera Gwin, b. 1887, 2, 8 — d. 1957, 11, 1. She did extensive research into Gwin family records and supplied much of the basic material for this book.

2. Sarah Anne Gwin, b. 1845 — m. William Miller
3. Samuel Monroe Gwin, b. 1847, 6, 19
4. Cyrus Albert Gwin, b. 1850, 1, 21
5. Mary Jane Gwin, b. 1852, 1, 15 — m. John M. Williams
6. Lillie Elizabeth Gwin, b. 1857, 4, 1

V. Aaron Gwin, b. 1816, 11, 28 (one record gives Nov. 2, 1816) — d. 1902, 3, 27. Lived near Losantville, Indiana.

VI. John Mills Gwin, b. 1818, 8, 19, Union County, Indiana — d. 1911, 3, 17, Rensselaer, Indiana. 1840, Cast first presidential vote for Wm. Henry Harrison. 1844, United with M. E. Church, Henry County, Indiana. 1852, Settled in Jasper County, Hanging Grove Township, Indiana. Married Mary Whittenear Conyers, b. 1820, 4, 6 — d. 1898, 11, 6, Pleasant Ridge, Indiana. She was the daughter of Whiffin Carr Conyers.

1. Charity Ellen Gwin, b. 1840, 9, 25 — d. 1885, 8, 19 — m. James Parker Overton 1862, 3, 20 — d. 1914
   a. Henry Parker Overton, b. 1863, 1, 29 — d. 1926, 3, 2
   b. Mary Emeline Overton, b. 1864, 7, 10 — d. 1865, 10, 17
   c. Louella May Overton, b. 1886, 3, 26 — d. 1932, 8, 28
   d. William Elvin Overton, b. 1868, 5, 1
   e. Ida Florence Overton, b. 1870, 2, 25 — d. 1947, 12, 5
   f. John Albert Overton, b. 1874, 9, 4
   g. James Randle Overton, b. 1877, 9, 9 — d. 1902, 8, 23
   h. Emma Grace Overton, b. 1880, 10, 2 — d. 1898, 1, 3
   i. Charity Ellen Overton, b. 1885, 8, 18 — d. 1885, 9, 23

2. William Henry Gwin, b. 1842, 11, 6 — d. 1895, 10, 8 — m. 1870, 4, 7 at Rensselaer, Indiana to Elizabeth Amanda Watson, d. 1927, 5, 1
   a. William Elmer Gwin, b. 1872, 1, 30 — d. 1953, 12, 14 — m. Fannie Wood 1893, 10, 2
   b. Elvira Alice Gwin, b. 1874, 11, 23 — d. 1953, 4, 20 — m. Frank Haskell, d. 1936, 7, 11

c. Pleasant Marion Gwin, b. 1879, 3, 19 — m. Ernestine Taylor
d. Carrie Elizabeth Gwin, b. 1882, 4, 28 — m. Ray L. Berry
e. Hayes Gwin, b. 1889, 6, 23 — d. 1910, 8, 4
f. Sherman Leslie Gwin, b. 1883, 9, 30 — m. Frances Martin
g. Anna Gladys Gwin, b. 1892, 3, 20 — d. 1898, 8, 11

3. Jesse Chambers Gwin, b. 1845, 1, 1 in Wayne County, Indiana, d. 1935, 5, 3 at Rensselaer, Indiana. He came in a covered wagon from Wayne or Henry County to Jasper County, Indiana with his father, John Gwin and family when six years old. He was a member of Co. B, 135th Indiana Infantry, during the Civil War. Married 1865, 1, 28 to Sallie Wright Jackson (adopted by Jackson), b. 1844, 5, 3 — d. 1931, 10, 3.

a. Lacy Raymond Gwin, b. 1868, 11, 23 — d. 1939, 11, 10 in Galveston, Texas — m. 1894, 9, 12 Allie Heath, b. 1864, d. 1940, 4, 1
(a) Capt. J. Heath Gwin, b. 1895, 2, 5, died while in military service abroad in World War I — m. 1923, 5, 30 Lucile Williams
(b) Jackson Phillip Gwin, b. 1896, 12, 28 — m. 1919, 11, 8 Ione Williams, b. 1901, 9, 13
(c) Dorothy Dix Gwin, b. 1908, d. 1910
(d) Virginia Gwin, b. 1911, 11, 11 — m. 1938, 2, 2 William Van Fleet, b. 1908, 5, 6
(e) Rosemary Gwin, b. 1914, 2, 6 — m. 1935, 3, 24 Louis Dibrell, b. 1905, 4, 14

b. Effie Gwin, b. 1872, 1, 1 — d. 1943, 2, 16 — George Thomas, b. 1868, 1, 22 — d. 1934, 6, 26
(a) Capt. Gwin Thomas, b. 1895, 3, 24 — m. 1918, 11, 25 Lura Halleck, b. 1897, 4, 22
(b) Buford Thomas, b. 1905, 1, 12 — m. 1929, 1, 12 Hattie Samuelson, b. 1904, 2, 5
(c) Kenneth Thomas, b. 1907, 7, 9 — m. 1940, 7, 20 Dorothea Yeager, b. 1911, 7, 23

c. John Imley Gwin, b. 1874, 5, 12 — d. 1945, 1, 10 — m. Ura McGowan, d. 1947, 11, 6. Both died in McAllen, Texas.

d. Mary Ellen Gwin, b. 1876, 9, 8 — m. Victor Comer, b. 1883, d. 1960, 12, 19

e. Merle D. Gwin, M.D. (Lieut. Col., M.C., U.S.A. World War I), b. 1879, 3, 4 — m. 1906, 4, 25 Susa May Ranier, b. 1881, 5, 22

f. Jesse Blaine Gwin, b. 1882, 1, 23 — 1st m. Lena Addison
(a) Jocelyn, died at 5 months
2nd m. 1923, 7, 10 Winnie Ida Bracy, daughter of Elmer Lewis Bracy and Ida Rowan Bracy
(b) Florence Sarah, b. 1924, 5, 6 in St. Louis, Missouri — m. Clinton Dudley Ward 1957, 6, 19

g. Alonza Perry Gwin, b. 1884, 3, 25 — m. 1926, 2, 20 Marguerite Odenheimer, b. 1896, 10, 30
(a) Gloria, b. 1928, 10, 24 — m. 1948, 10, 1 Emmett Wesley Martin, b. 1927, 12, 19

4. Hannah Demaris Gwin, b. 1847, 7, 9 — d. 1933, 3, 10 — m. 1872, 12, 31 Augustus M. Munden, b. 1846, 2, 25
a. Augustus

5. John Pleasant Gwin, b. 1849, 11, 1 — d. 1934, 7, 19 — m. 1884, 5, 7 Minniehaha Wright (a cousin of Sally Wright Gwin), b. 1858, d. 1934
a. J. Roy Gwin
b. Ada Gwin
c. Harry Chester Gwin, b. 1893, d. 1933
d. Dorothy Gwin

6. Samantha Ann Gwin, b. 1852, 3, 10 — d. 1925, 7, 27 — m. 1878, 2, 28 Orlando McDonald, b. 1849, 10, 20 — d. 1933
a. Lawrence McDonald, b. 1879, d. 1939 — m. 1912 Bertha Worthington
b. Robert McDonald, b. 1880 — m. Blanche Cook
c. Ross McDonald, b. 1882, d. 1951 — m. Anne Owen
d. Mary McDonald, b. 1886, 6, 10
e. Ray McDonald, b. 1888, 2, 2 — d. 1959, 4, 16 — m. 1911, 2, 25 Laura Phillips, b. 1891, 11, 17

7. Edward Wayne Gwin, b. 1855, 1, 6 — d. 1931, 6, 12 — m. 1896, 2, 25 Ollie Rouse, b. 1877, 10, 3

8. Mary Celeste Gwin, b. 1857, 6, 23 — d. 1944, 1, 4 — m. 1876, 11, 30 Felix Parker (son of Sam Parker), b. 1853, 10, 10 — d. 1936, 11, 9
   a. Pearl Parker, b. 1877, 9, 6 — d. 1958, 8, 19
   b. Guy Parker, b. 1881, 6, 1 — d. 1938, 10, 6
   c. Earl G. Parker, b. 1887, 8, 3 — d. 1888, 11, 24
   d. Paul W. G. Parker, b. 1897, 10, 3 — m. 1921, 1, 12 Sylvia Camozzi, b. 1897, 4, 3

9. Ida Alice Gwin, b. 1859, 8, 16 — d. 1898, 6, 18 — m. 1879, 7, 15 to George B. Parkinson, b. 1830, 5, 5 — d. 1935
   a. Marybelle Parkinson, b. 1885, 11, 16 — m. James Monroe Yeoman, b. 1880, 8, 5
   b. Clifford A. Parkinson, b. 1881, 10, 15 — m. 1908, 9, 2 Letha Rinehart, b. 1891, 9, 22

10. Emma Florence Gwin, b. 1862, 11, 13 — m. Thomas Sayers, b. 1859, 5, 6 — d. 1945, 2, 28
   a. Ethel Sayers, b. 1885, 8, 12 — m. Melvin Cooley, b. 1880, 2, 11 — d. 1951, 11, 28
   b. Kenneth Gwin Sayers, b. 1896, 4, 17 — d. 1897, 6, 7

VII. Lydia Gwin, b. 1819, 10, 7 — d. 1843, 10, 19 — m. Lemuel Shortridge, b. 1820, 3, 18 — d. 1892, 2, 22. He was a Chaplain during the Civil War.
1. Ireneus (male) Shortridge, b. 1845, 3, 8 — d. 1918, 1, 7
   a. Ernest Samuel, b. 1873, 6, 11
      (a) Ruth Ester, b. 1901, 5, 13
2. Mary Shortridge
3. John Shortridge
4. Hattie Shortridge
5. Catharine Shortridge
6. Clara Shortridge
7. Elisha Shortridge
8. Thomas Shortridge
9. William Shortridge

VIII. Pleasant Gwin, b. 1821, 10, 26 — d. 1889, 8, 12 Wayne County, Indiana — m. Hannah Wimmer, b. 1825, 5, 14 — d. 1876, 10, 31
1. Walter T. Gwin
2. John D. Gwin
3. Mary E. Gwin
4. Martisha Gwin
5. Julia Ann m. William Smith of Delphia, Indiana

6. Pleasant W. Gwin
7. Hannah Lavona Gwin

IX. Hannah Ellen Gwin, b. 1824, 1, 26 — m. ..... Jenkins

X. Cyrus Gwin, b. 1826, 5, 21 — d. 1915, 10, 4 in Economy, Indiana — m. Asenath Swain
1. Sarah Ellen Gwin, b. 1850, 3, 26 — d. 1889
2. Caroline ("Cally") Gwin, b. 1852, 2, 2
3. Elihu Swain Gwin, b. 1855, 1, 1 — d. 1903, 3, 22 — m. Elvira Scantland, b. 1858, 10, 25 — d. 1894, 8, 13
   a. Glenna A. Gwin, b. 1879, 4, 5
   b. Fred C. Gwin, b. 1882, 6, 1 — d. 1905
   c. Oscar S. Gwin, b. 1884, 10, 13 — m. Vevia Nicholson
      (a) Alsie J. Gwin, b. 1912, 7, 12
      (b) Helen J. Gwin, b. 1914, 3, 3
      (c) Joseph G. Gwin, b. 1915, 6, 13
   d. Charles P. Gwin, b. 1887, 1, 13
   e. Mabel C. Gwin, b. 1888, 8, 29 — d. 1888, 10, 23
   f. Alsie L. Gwin, b. 1891,7, 20

XI. Moses Gwin, b. 1827, 9, 24. He was a minister. T. Luther Bend of Economy, Indiana, in a letter to Thomas Marshall of Washington, D. C., dated 11-22-35 wrote, "Moses, who lived up north somewhere, I never saw but once. He had a family."

Table 10

DESCENDANTS OF HENRY MILLS

Descendants of Henry Mills, b. 1720, 9, 23 — d. 1810, 10, 10 — m. 1740, 1, 18 to Hannah Thornburg, b. 1725, d. 1791, 3, 27. Henry Mills was the son of John Mills. There is no record of this John Mills but it is known that the Mills, Mendenhalls, Thornburgs, Beesons and Grubbs all came from Quaker settlements in Pennsylvania through Virginia or Maryland to Guilford County, North Carolina. Child

I. Aaron Mills, b. 1749, 12, 22 — d. 1794, 12, 15 — m. to Charity Mendenhall, b. 1754, 4, 19. They were married 1774, 1, 18 in Guilford County, N. C. Charity Mendenhall was the daughter of Mordecal Mendenhall, b. 1713, d. 1803, and of Charity Beeson, d. 1809, 9, 20. She was the granddaughter of John Mendenhall and Susannah Pierson.

a. Moredecai, b. 1775, 1, 31 — d. 1785, 7, 11
b. Hannah, b. 1776, 8, 16
c. John, b. 1778, 9, 4
d. Henry, b. 1780, 3, 31
e. Seth, b. 1782, 6, 19
f. Maris, b. 1784, 4, 7
g. Isaac, b. 1786, 3, 29
h. Moses, b. 1787, 12, 4
i. Charity, b. 1789, 11, 14 — d. 1876, 3, 19 — m. John Gwin 1810, 3, 9 in Jefferson County, Tennessee
j. William, b. 1794, 2, 28

It is recorded that some of the relatives of Charity Mills, including her mother, went with her when she moved with her family and other Quakers from Guilford County, North Carolina, to Jefferson County, Tennessee. The certificates of removal from Jefferson County, Tennessee, to Lick Creek, m.m. Orange County, Indiana (later changed to White Water, m.m. Wayne County, Indiana, 1814, 11, 26) included Seth Mills and family, Moses Mills and family, Rachel Mills (wife of Isaac Mills), and Charity Mills; "Henry and Moses Mills (Charity Gwin's brothers) settled in 1815 on the present site of Economy, Indiana and John Gwin settled nearby the same year."

Ref. Young's History of Wayne County, Indiana
Records in Economy, Indiana Cemetery
Quaker Records of Guilford County, N. C.

Table 11

DESCENDANTS OF MORRIS GWIN

Morris Gwin came from Pembroke, Wales between 1706 and 1712. Children:

I. Joseph Gwin

II. John Gwin, b. 1732, 10, 2 — m. Ann Jones
1. John Morris Gwin
2. Benjamin Gwin
3. William Gwin m. Hannah Rea, daughter of Mathew Rea and Sarah Harmon
a. Mathew Gwin
b. John Morris Gwin
c. Sarah Gwin m. John Armitage of Baltimore in 1799
(a) Benjamin Armitage

(b) William Armitage
(c) Mary Ann Armitage
(d) Abigail Lyal Armitage
(e) James Armitage
(f) Hannah Armitage
(g) Charles Armitage
(h) Sarah Eliza Armitage

Ref. Americans of Gentle Birth, by Pittman.
Vol. II, pp. 76-77

Table 12

DESCENDANTS OF BENNETT GWYNN

The descendants of Bennett Gwynn, b. 1769, Prince George County, Maryland, d. 1826 (date Will filed).
Child of first marriage to Mary Belt 1795, 1, 13

I. Thomas Belt, b. 1795 (est.)
Children of second marriage to Susanna Hillery in 1797

II. John Hillery, b. 1798

III. William H., b. 1801, d. 1884. Will recorded in Court House, Prince George County, Maryland, 1884, 10, 15. m. in 1826 to Rosella Boone.
1. B. I. J., b. 1827 (est.)
2. Maria Regena, b. 1830, 10, 7
3. William H., Jr., b. 1834 (age 16 in 1850 Census).
Children of second marriage to Jane C. Berry
4. Jane C., b. 1841
5. Mary Olivia, b. 1844, m. Ignatius Gardiner
6. Frances V., b. 1846
7. Louisa, b. 1847
8. Ellen M., b. 1850
9. Emma E., b. 1856
10. Mary R., b. 1858

Ref. Colonial and Revolutionary Lineage of America,
Vol. II, p. 65

Table 13

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN GWINN OF SCOTLAND

This John Gwin was one of three brothers from Scotland, two of whom settled in Virginia and the other went to Tennessee. He married Mary Whitehead.

I. John Dove Gwinn m. Elizabeth Whitehead

II. Richard Gwinn m. Nancy Coleman

III. Minor Gwinn, b. in South Carolina — m. Mary Melton
1. Robert A. Gwinn, b. 1827, 9, 25 — m. Elizabeth Stansell
2. William Gwinn
3. Elizabeth Gwinn
4. Richard Gwinn (a prominent citizen of Maryland)
   a. Richard Gwinn m. Mary A. Roache
      (a) Mary Agnes Gwinn
5. Chessely Dove Gwinn
6. Anne Gwinn
7. John Chessley Gwinn m. ..... Mayfield
8. Isham Gwinn
9. Thomas Gwinn — m. Ellen Dudley
   (a) Dudley Gwinn
   (b) Minor Gwinn
   (c) Duval Gwinn

IV. Mary Gwin

V. Nancy Gwinn — m. Elijah Shelly

Ref. Biographical Souvenir of Georgia and Florida — F. A. Battey and Co., p. 348
Colonial Families of Southern States, p. 251-52

Table 14

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN GWIN

The following are the descendants of John Gwin of Blair County, Pennsylvania. He came from Scotland prior to the Revolution.

I. Alexander Gwin, b. 1791 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania — d. 1856, age 65. He was a millwright. Married Sarah Hallman.
   a. Sarah Gwin
   b. Maj. George H. Gwin
   c. Maxwell Gwin
   d. Alexander Crawford Gwin, died at Ft. Sumpter in 1863
   e. James Hervey Gwin, b. 1845, 10, 16

Ref. Biography and Portrait Encyclopedia of Blair County, Pennsylvania.

Table 15

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES GWYNN

The following are the descendants of James Gwynn of Greene County, Pennsylvania. He married Hester Cree. He was a descendant of early pioneer Gwynns of Greene County.

I. Joseph Gwynn

II. Marshall Gwynn, b. 1826, 3, 9 — m. Kate Hill, 1861, 11, 29
1. Frank Gwynn
2. Frances Gwynn
3. Thomas Gwynn
4. Jesse Gwynn
5. Ida Gwynn
6. Remembrance Gwynn
7. Albert Gwynn

Ref. History of Greene County, Pennsylvania by Sam F. Bates, p. 737

Table 16

DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH GWYNN

Joseph Gwynn came from London, England to Greene County, Pennsylvania and served in the Revolutionary War. He took up the well known "Tomahawk Claim."

I. Joseph Gwynn, b. 1789, d. 1864. Served in War of 1812. Married Martha Dowlin.
1. Josiah Gwynn, b. 1812, 10, 20 in Greene County, Pennsylvania. Married in 1841 to Lydia Phillips, b. 1824 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He inherited the "Tomahawk Claim."
a. Martha L. Gwynn
b. Joseph C. Gwynn
c. George W. Gwynn
d. E. Gwynn m. Lacy Craft
e. John R. Gwynn
f. J. F. Gwynn

2. John Gwynn, b. 1818, 12, 25 — m. in 1840 to Elizabeth Wright Rea, daughter of Jesse Rea and Mary Wright
a. J. F. Gwynn, b. 1842, 9, 2 — m. in 1868, 1, 24 to Elizabeth Hartman

(a) William Gwynn
(b) John Gwynn
(c) Annie Gwynn

Ref. History of Greene County, Pennsylvania — Sam F. Bates, pp. 317-619

Table 17

DESCENDANTS OF LITTLETON GWIN

The following are the descendants of Littleton Gwin of Alabama:

1st m. Mary .....

I. Jim Gwin

II. James Gwin
These two children were left in North Carolina with their mother at the time of divorce.
2nd m. Polly .....

III. Jep Gwin m. Ellen Hamer

IV. Jerry Gwin — Killed 1863, 9, 19 in Civil War

V. Boyd Gwin m. Minera Franklin

VI. Mortimer Gwin m. Felittra Elizabeth Laird
1. Dora Gwin
2. Victoria Gwin
3. Ivy Gwin
4. Wellington Gwin
   a. Robert Gwin, b. 1912 (est.)
5. Judge James Chessly Byrd Gwin, b. 1878, 6, 21
6. Dr. Paul Eugene Gwin
7. Lucy Gwin

VII. Kathryn Gwin m. ..... Clark

VIII. Rebecca Gwin

IX. Sally Gwin

Ref. Letter dated 1938, 1, 17 from Bessomer, Alabama, addressed to Robert and Henriette, signed Aunt Lucy Gwin.

Table 18

DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN GUINN OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

I. Benjamin Guinn — he had service in the Revolutionary War. b. 1758 (est.) — m. Sarah .....

Children
1. Abiah Guinn
2. John Guinn
3. Mary Guinn — m. Peyton R. Eldridge of Bourbon County, Kentucky ....

C. T. Guinn, County Clerk of Culpeper County, Virginia, is a descendant of Abiah.

Ref. Records in possession of the family of C. T. Guinn, Culpeper, Virginia.

Table 19

DESCENDANTS OF BARTLETT GWINN OF YOLO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Bartholomew Gwinn, b. 1765, 8, 8 in Halifax County, Virginia, d. 1829, 4, 19. In 1806 he left Virginia and went first to North Carolina and then to Cocke County, Tennessee. He finally settled in Missouri. He was married in 1785, 4, 19 in Charlotte County, Virginia, to Suzanne Bly Mullens, b. 1769, 5, 26 — d. 1830, 9, 15.

1. Alman Gwinn, b. 1787, 1, 1 — d. 1834, 5, 15 — m. Leona Marr
   a. John Gwinn
   b. William Gwinn
   c. Barlett Gwinn
   d. Susan Gwinn
   e. Elizabeth Gwinn
   f. Faith Gwinn
2. Betsy Gwinn, b. 1788, 10, 30
3. David Gwinn, b. 1791, 4, 19 — d. 1807, 7, 29
4. Elijah Gwinn, b. 1798, 6, 8 — d. 1838, 8, 26 — m. 1821, 11, 18 in Saline County, Missouri, to Rebecca McKissick
5. Bartlett Gwinn, b. 1794, 10, 19 — d. 1837, 4, 20

6. William Allen Gwinn, b. 1798, 8, 21 — d. 1875, 11, 21 in Saline County, Missouri — m. Sarah Hays

7. Polly Ann Gwinn, b. 1801, 5, 1 — m. James McKissick. They moved to Oregon

8. Mathew Clay Gwinn, b. 1804, 6, 3 — lived in Halifax, Missouri — m. Mary (Polly) Thrailkill, b. 1809, 2, 21 — d. 1896.
   a. Polly Gwinn, b. 1833 — m. Gauldin
      (a) John Gauldin
      (b) Louise Gauldin
      (c) Willie (a girl) Gauldin
   b. Thomas Benton Gwinn, b. 1834
      (a) Mathew Clay Gwinn
      (b) Alice Gwinn
   c. Elijah P. Gwinn, b. 1836
      (a) Rudolfus Gwinn
      (b) Ralph Gwinn
      (c) Ethel Gwinn
      (d) Zilpha Gwinn
   d. Louise A. Gwinn, b. 1838 — m. ..... Warner
   e. Andrew J. Gwinn, b. 1839, 9, 19 — m. in 1870, 5, 22 to Lucy Ham
      (a) Mary Gwinn
      (b) Lucy Gwinn
      (c) Jessie Gwinn
      (d) Otis Gwinn
      (e) Florence Gwinn
      (f) Robert Gwinn
   f. Virginia Gwinn, b. 1840 — m. A. W. Warner
   g. Abner Gwinn, b. 1842, 12, 30 — m. Frances E. Gwin (1st cousin)
      (a) Richard L. Gwinn
      (b) Allen Clay Gwinn
      (c) Frank Gwinn
      (d) Ray Gwinn
      (e) Charlie Gwinn
      (f) Ada Gwinn
   h. William Allen Gwinn, b. 1845, 4, 8
      (a) William Gwinn
      (b) Brownie Gwinn (a girl)
   i. Richard Polk Gwinn, b. 1848, 4, 8 — d. 1936, 5, 12 m. 1873 to Susan Endora Bridges, b. 1855, 12, 29 in Franklin County, Missouri
      (a) Edith Allen Gwinn, b. 1874, 10, 9
      (b) Edwin Stanton Gwinn, b. 1877, 1, 25
      (c) Richard Campbell Gwinn, b. 1879, 6, 4

(d) Chester Allen Arthur Gwinn, b. 1881, 10, 21
(e) Walter Emmet Gwinn, b. 1883, 12, 11
(f) Estelle Gwinn, b. 1885, 7, 15
(g) Harrison Benjamin Gwinn, b. 1889, 3, 4
(h) Jessie Gwinn, b. 1892, 10, 22

j. Martha (Kate) Gwinn, b. 1850
k. Harrison Gwinn, b. 1852

9. Harrison Gwinn, b. 1808, 1, 20 — m. Nancy ..... They moved to California in 1849.
a. James Gwinn, b. 1830
b. Baldwin Gwinn, b. 1832
c. Franklin Gwinn, b. 1834
d. John M. Gwinn, b. 1836
e. Onley Gwinn, b. 1838
f. Dallas Gwinn, b. 1843
g. W. O. B. Gwinn, b. 1845
h. Louisa Gwinn, b. 1848

Ref. Thomas Nelson Chapter D.A.R., Arlington, Virginia, Vol. II
Letter from Mrs. J. M. Feigley, Jr., Vienna, Virginia, dated 1944, 10, 15, to Miss Vera Gwin.

Table 20

DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD GWIN

Descendants of Richard Gwin, who lived near Jamestown, Virginia. He was said to be of Scotch Irish descent. Married Sarah Chesley.

I. Isham Gwin of South Carolina — m. ..... Cleveland
a. John Gwin — m. Jane Walker
(a) Sarah Gwin, b. 1826, d. 1885 — m. in 1842 to Louis Bassett, b. 1813, d. 1853. He descended from a Huguenot family of Switzerland.

Ref. Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy, Vol. I, p. 706

Table 21

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM GWIN

William Gwin married Rebecca Mouser — moved to Indiana from Kentucky in 1832.

I. William F. Gwin — he was the 7th child of William, b. 1848, 5, 28 in Owen County, Indiana. Entered Indiana University in 1868. Taught school in Wayne County, Indiana, and in 1872 went to Gosport, Indiana. Married Minnie Cotterson.

Ref. Clay and Owen County, Indiana, Records, 1884, by Charles Blanchard, p. 890

Table 22

DESCENDANTS OF NICHOLAS GWIN

Nicholas Gwin, b. 1798, d. 1868 — m. Rebecca Smith. They had a family of 9 children and lived for a time on a farm in Greene County, Ohio, then in Warren County, Indiana.

I. George S. Gwin, b. 1828 in Green County, Ohio. He was the oldest of nine children. He was married in 1851, 2, 23 to Margaret C. Kiplinger from Logan County, Ohio.
   a. Sarah R. Gwin m. W. A. Colvert

Ref. Records of Gwin Family in Warren, Benton Newton Counties, Indiana, pp. 355-356

Table 23

DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH GWYNN
(Who served in War of 1812)

I. Joseph Gwynn, b. 1771, 12, 19 in Virginia — d. 1858, 12, 24 in Woolford County, Kentucky. He had 7 children. Served in War of 1812.
   1. Robert Gwynn, b. 1796, 10, 20 in Woolford County, Kentucky — d. 1888, 8, 12 near Paris, Missouri.
      a. Adam Gwynn
      b. Mary Gwynn
      c. Joseph Gwynn — b. 1832
   2. John Gwynn — m. Mary .....
      a. William Gwynn
      b. Robert Gwynn
      c. Kate Gwynn
      d. Betty Gwynn
   3. Isabella Gwynn m. ..... Burbridge. They lived in Crawfordsville, Indiana

4. Joseph Mitchell Gwynn, b. 1807, 3, 27 — d. 1854, 4, 3 near Crawfordsville, Indiana

Ref. Joseph Gwyn was ancester of Lillian Gwyn Stimson, who supplied this information.

Table 24

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN MARR GWINN
m. Minerva Jane Jayne

I. Joseph Marr Gwinn — m. Ellis Williams of Warrenburg, Missouri. He was Superintendent of Schools in New Orleans in 1910.
   a. Gladys Gwinn — m. R. A. Brown
   b. Joseph Marr Gwinn, Jr., of Rhode Island

Ref. History of New Orleans by J. S. Kendall, Vol. III, p. 1060 — D.A.R. Library

Table 25

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN GWINN OF BALTIMORE
d. 1800, 9, 6

He was a Revolutionary War soldier (Sergeant) enlisting in 1777. His widow applied for pension in 1838 at age of 88. Married Julia Steel, b. 1758.

I. Susannah Gwin — m. 1801 Richard Metcalf

II. Catherine Gwinn — m. Joseph Hassell
   a. Josephine Hassel, b. 1812, d. 1899 — m. Spencer M. Warring, b. 1808, d. 1875
      (a) Robert K. Warring

Ref. D.A.R. Lineage Book 41, p. 140

Table 26

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN GWINN
(Owner of "Gwyn's Hope" property in Charles County, Maryland)

I. John Gwinn, b. (he was over 21 in 1713). His Will was probated in 1734 in which he mentioned children and names wife, Ann, as Executrix.
   1. Mary Gwinn — m. ..... Williams

2. Joseph Gwinn
   a. Anne Gwinn, b. 1744 — m. Col. Thomas Harris, b. 1741, d. 1815

3. Ann Gwinn

4. Benjamin Gwinn

Ref. The Abridged Compendium of American Geneology, Vol. III, p. 497
Annapolis, Maryland, Will Book, p. 192

Table 27

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN GWYNN — b. 1750
(Will proven in Maryland in 1823)

I. William Gwynn — b. 1797, 12, 4 in Baltimore, Md. — d. 1846 — m. Margaret Bailey — b. 1793, 5, 15 — d. 1848, 8, 2
   1. Robert Gwynn, b. 1818, 9, 13 — m. in 1846 to Elizabeth Houston. No children. Willed all property to brother John's children.
   2. John Gwynn
   3. Elizabeth Gwynn — b. 1821
   4. Margaret Gwynn — b. 1823
   5. Emily Gwynn, b. 1826
   6. Eleanor Gwynn — b. 1829
   7. Jane Gwynn — b. 1831
   8. Catherine Gwynn — b. 1834

II. John Gwynn

III. Ann Gwynn

IV. Frances Gwynn

V. Elizabeth Gwynn

VI. Jane Gwynn

Ref. Bible Records of Maryland. Abstracted by Vera Gwin.
Will of William Gwynn of Monkton Mill, Baltimore, Md. Recorded in Wills Liber II, Folio 82, Baltimore.

Table 28

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES M. GWIN

James M. Gwin, b. 1808 (abt.), Carroll County, Tennessee, d. 1887. The names of his parents are not known but Rev. James Gwinn, b. 1768, d. 1841, may have been his Uncle. In that event James M. would have been a first cousin to Senator William M. Gwinn of California. James M. was Deputy Marshall at Natchez, Mississippi. In 1836 he removed to Holmes County, Mississippi. He married Susan V. Davis.

I. John E. Gwin, an attorney. Born 1844 in Holmes County, Mississippi. He was the second in order of birth of their three sons. He served in the Confederate Army.
Children of 1st m. to L. R. Gage
1. Susie Gwin
2. Julia Alice Gwin
Children of 2nd m. to Bella Hugh
3. Sallie Gwin
4. Joe Willie Gwin
5. Bella Hugh Gwin

Ref. Biographical Memories of Mississippi, Vol. 12, p. 835

Table 29

DESCENDANTS OF TAYLOR GWIN OF NORTH CAROLINA

Taylor Gwin is said to be of Scotch-Irish descent. He moved to Kentucky soon after his marriage. His next move was to Warrenton, Mississippi.

I. William B. Gwin d. in DeSoto County, Mississippi in 1878 — m. Mary K. Tinsley, daughter of Coleman Tinsley and Margaret Henderson of Tennessee. William B. spent most of his life in Mississippi.
1. Lewis T. Gwin — b. in DeSoto County, Mississippi, 1858, 8, 19, the eldest of six children. He was a merchant of Cleveland, Mississippi.

Ref. Biography and History Memories of Mississippi, Vol. 2, p. 836

Table 30

DESCENDANTS OF DAVID GWIN

David Gwin was born in Tennessee in 1804 and died near Edgerton, Missouri. He married China Cameron, b. 1804.

I. John Gwin — died in California

II. Deborah Ann Gwin — m. Henry Barnes
   1. Rachel Barnes — m. ....Scoot
   2. Mary Barnes — m. William Stone
   3. James Barnes — lived in Kansas

III. Benjamin F. Gwin — d. 1862 — m. Catherine Cook
   1. Lilburn P. Gwin — m. 1885 Kate Snell
   2. Ella Gwin — m. 1881 Thomas Robbins
   3. Narcissa Gwin — m. Eli Thomason
   4. Lucinda Gwin — 1st m. F. Hughes — 2nd m. C. B. Cockriel

IV. Elisha Gwin — m. Agnes Masoner

V. Perry Gwin

VI. Daniel Morgan Gwin 1st m. Penelope Masoner — no children. 2nd m. Harriet Feeget
   1. George Gwin m. Rose .....
   2. Albert Gwin m. Allie West
   3. O. P. Gwin m. Pattie Cook
   4. Robert Gwin
   5. Serelda Gwin
   6. Dama Gwin
   7. Walter Gwin

Ref. Annals of Platt County, Missouri

Table 31

DESCENDANTS OF ISAAC GWIN
m. Margaret Sage

I. William Washington Gwin, b. 1870, 4, 20 in Bates County, Missouri — m. 1918, 12, 7 Henrietta Maddy, daughter of Arthur and Louise Maddy
   a. Vena Marie Gwin — b. 1925, 2, 4
   b. John Hershel Gwin — b. 1928, 5, 9

II. John Gwin

III. William Gwin

Ref. Missouri Bible Records — Copied by John W. Gwin, 926 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D. C.

Table 32

DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT GWYNNE, BORN IN IRELAND

Robert Gwynne — b. 1827 in Ireland — d. 1899, 3, 20 in Salem, New Jersey. Married Mary J. Camp — d. 1865. Robert, whose ancestors were Welch, came to Salem, New Jersey when 13 years old. He was a printer for the "Sunbeam" newspaper of Salem.

I. Jennie Gwynne

II. Robert Gwynne, Jr. — b. 1857, 11, 27 — m. 1887, 11, 9, Carrie Rulon — Mayor of Salem

III. Isabelle Gwynne

IV. Helen Gwynne

Ref. Biographical Genealogy History, First District, New Jersey — Lewis Publishing Company, Vol. I, pp. 89-93

Table 33

DESCENDANTS OF MOSES GUINN
(One reference spells his name Gwinn)

Moses Guinn was born in 1782 — m. Elizabeth ..... He lived first in Orange County, North Carolina, but later moved to Greene County, Alabama. Alabama records show the sisters of Moses as follows:

Elizabeth Guinn — m. Stephen Taylor
Polly Guinn — m. John Reeves
Jane Guinn — m. David Allison
Nancy Guinn — m. William Rea
Sally Guinn — m. Thomas Taylor

The children of Jane and David Allison were as follows:

1. Elizabeth Allison — m. William Anderson
2. Moses Allison
3. Joseph Allison
4. Jane Allison — m. David McKee
5. Grizzell Allison
6. David Allison
7. James Allison
8. Polly Allison
9. Catherine Allison
10. Sally Allison

Moses, b. 1782, and Elizabeth had 3 children:

1. Jane Guinn
2. Mary Elizabeth Guinn
3. Moses Guinn

Ref. Alabama Records, Vol. XXXIV, pp. 28-29-30

Table 34

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES GWYN

James Gwyn came from Gloucester County, Virginia, to Wilkes County, North Carolina. He was b. 1768, 3, 28 —d. 1850, 2, 20 — m. Amelia Lenoir — b. 1765, 6, 10 — d. 1845, 5, 25. (Records of Births and Deaths as given in old Gwyn family Bible.)

The line of descent of the ancestors of James Gwyn has been traced as follows:

Sir John Wynn
Owin Gwynn
Col. Hugh Gwynne of Gloucester County, Virginia
Rev. John Gwynn
Jack Gwyn
Hugh Gwynn, b. 1702, d. 1768 — 1st m. Peyton Humphries — 2nd m. Lucy Reade
Richard Gwynn, b. 1738 — m. Sarah Ranson of Virginia
James Gwynn, b. 1768, 3, 28 — m. Amelia Lenoir, b. 1765, 6, 10

Children of James Gwynn and Amelia Lenoir:

I. Ransom Gwynn, b. 1790, 5, 3 — d. 1872, 2, 18
II. Sarah Gwynn, b. 1792, 2, 3 — d. 1834, 10, 15
III. Thomas Gwynn, b. 1794, 2, 5 — d. 179__, 8, 1
IV. Richard Gwynn, b. 1796, 9, 12 — d. 1881, 3, 7
V. Martha Gwynn, b. 1799, 1, 21 — d. 1804, 10, 1
VI. Lenora Gwynn, b. 1801, 5, 3 — d. 1881, 5, 10
VII. Amelia Gwynn, b. 1808, 10, 24 — d. 1857, 11, 27
VIII. Hugh Gwynn, b. 1804, 5, 3
IX. James Gwynn, Jr., b. 1812, 11, 25 — d. 1883, 2, 11 — m. Ann Lenoir
    1. Sarah Lenoir Gwynn, b. 1841, 12, 15 — d. 1894, 6, 29
    2. Amelia Selina Gwynn, b. 1844, 1, 20 — d. 1918, 12, 13

3. Julia Perkins Gwynn, b. 1845, 12, 1 — d. 1906, 10, 31
4. Mary Gwynn, b. 1848, 5, 10 — d. 1932, 3, 25
5. James M. Gwynn, b. 1850, 11, 27 — d. 1913, 4, 24. Born in Wilksboro, North Carolina — m. 1875, 5, 19 to Amelia Foster of Greensboro, N. C.
   a. James A. Gwynn
   b. Elsie L. Gwynn
   c. Thomas Lenoir Gwynn
   d. Mary P. Gwynn
   e. Amelia H. Gwynn
   f. Annie L. Gwynn
   g. Elizabeth G. Gwynn
6. Walter Ballard Gwynn, b. 1853, 2, 16 — d. 1911, 3, 3
7. Lawree Norwood Gwynn, b. 1854, 10, 8 — d. 1915, 3, 11
8. Lenora Gwynn, b. 1856, 10, 8 — d. 1934
9. William Avery Gwynn, b. 1858, 9, 22 — d. 1932, 9, 23
10. Anne Joyce Gwynn, b. 1861, 1, 20
11. Catherine Louise Gwynn, b. 1863, 9, 24 — d. 1919, 12, 17

Ref. North Carolina Bible Records, compiled by Mrs. H. T. Brown in 1935, Vol. 31, pp. 352, 359, 364. The Gwyn records are said to have been brought from Gloucester County, Virginia, by Richard Gwyn and his wife, Sarah. These same Gwyn Bible Records give the following marriage records:

Ranson Gwynn m. L. E. Shepherd 1808, 9, 23
Sarah Gwyn m. Meretich Thurmond
Lenore Gwyn m. Thomas Mitchell 1818, 6, 9
Richard Gwyn m. Elizabeth Hunt, 1820, 4. 20
Hugh Gwyn m. Rosann Dickinson 1828, 12, 30
James Gwyn, Jr. m. Mary Ann Lenoir 1839, 5, 28

Table 35

DESCENDANTS OF REV. JAMES A. GWIN

Rev. James A. Gwin was born in 1768 in North Carolina and died 1841, 8, 2 near Vicksburg, Mississippi. J. A. Miller, in his History of Summers County, West Virginia, states that Senator William McK. Gwin, son of James A., belonged to the West Virginia branch of the Gwinns (two n's). James A. had six brothers in the Revolutionary War. Married Mary ..... in 1790 (about).

I. Samuel Gwin — in War of 1812

II. Asa Gwin

III. Margaret Gwin, b. 1800

IV. Thomas Gwin

V. Senator William McK. Gwin, b. 1805, 10, 5 — d. 1885, 9, 3

VI. Catherine Gwin

VII. Elizabeth Gwin

VIII. Alexander M. Gwin

Ref. Copied from records kept in family Bible of Mrs. Matilda K. Baskette, filed under 281816 in D.A.R. Library.

Table 36

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN GWIN (OR GUIN) OF BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

m. Mildred Reade

I. John Gwin — 2nd m. 1739, 3, 17 to Catherine Ricketts
  1. John Nicholson Gwin, b. 1745, 2, 24. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. 1st m. to Mary Giroud, b. 1742, d. 1770. No issue recorded. 2nd m. to Mary Elizabeth Bland, b. 1757, 1, 17 — d. 1791.
    a. John Lancellott Gwin, b. 1771, 12, 1. He fought in Indian Wars. m. Elizabeth Ann Moore, b. 1770, d. 1854.
      (a) Mary Eugenia Gwin, b. 1813, 7, 8 — m. Rev. John Giroud Humbert. Their children were:
        John Humbert, b. 1835, 6, 10
        Joseph Benson Humbert, b. 1840, 1, 19
        Harriet Gwin Humbert, b. 1842, 7, 10
        Addie Humbert m. Oliver Watson
        Eugenia Humbert
        David G. Humbert, b. 1848, m. Adah Gilliland
        Emma Humbert, b. 1849, 2, 22
      (b) Teresa Adeline Gwin m. Gen. George Harrison
      (c) Susan Gwin m. Joseph Morrell
  2. Richard Hugh Gwin, b. 1747, 1, 23
  3. Mary Reade Gwin, b. 1749, 1, 30 — m. John Pelet
  4. George Richetts Gwin, b. 1751, 2, 15 — d. 1758, 9, 12

5. Roger Moore Gwin, b. 1753, 5, 5
6. Catherine Marleau Gwin, b. 1755, 9, 5
7. Elizabeth Ann Gwin, b. 1757, 6, 27 — d. 1830

Ref. History of South Carolina by Simms, p. 74
South Carolina History Magazine, Vol. 23, p. 1078
St. Phillip Parish Register, South Carolina

Table 37

DESCENDANTS OF CAPT. JOHN GWIN OF MARYLAND

Capt. John Gwin, b. 1791, 6, 11 in Maryland. He died 1849, 9, 4 in Sicily while commanding the U. S. Constitution. He was buried in Philadelphia and later interred and re-buried in Arlington Cemetery. He married Caroline S. Lynch 1823, 12, 22. She was born 1803, d. 1864. One son, John.

Ref. Navy Department Records of Officers,
Washington, D. C.

Table 38

DESCENDANTS OF ALEXANDER GWYN FROM IRELAND

Alexander Gwyn was one time Mayor of Londonerry, Ireland. Married Catharine Garvin. He came to America in 1840.

I. Samuel Gwyn — He came to the United States in 1840 with his father. Settled in Louisville, Kentucky. Married Julia Llewellen Ruffner.
   1. Lewis R. Gwyn — m. Lottie Storey
      a. Lewis R. Gwyn, Jr.
   2. William Gwyn — lived in New Orleans
   3. Major Hugh Gwyn — U. S. Army — m. Jennie Buckner
   4. Gene James Gwyn — lived in Pennsylvania

Ref. Abstracted from notes by Lewis R. Gwyn, Jr., by Vera Gwin. In these notes he stated that "all the Irish Gwyns in Ireland are descended from two brothers who came from Flint, Wales in 1643."

Table 39

DESCENDANTS OF MAJOR DAVID GWYNNE

Major David Gwynne was born 1849, 8, 21 in Louisville, Kentucky. He married Alice Ann Claypool. His brothers were Thomas, John E., William, Eli and Horatio. His father was Evan Gwynne.

I. Abram Evan Gwynne, d. 1863, 3, 18 — m. Rachael Moore Flagg
   1. Mary Gwynne
   2. David Eli Gwynne
   3. Alice Claypool Gwynne, b. 1845, d. 1934 — m. in 1867 to Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, b. 1843, 11, 29 d. 1899. He was the eldest son of William Henry Vanderbilt.

Ref. Happy Valley by T. F. Hickerson
Genealogy of the Claypool Family by Rebecca Irwin

Table 40

DESCENDANTS OF ANDREW GWYNNE — 1862

Andrew Gwynne married Ann Rosenborough. They came to America from Londonerry, Ireland, in December, 1849.

I. Andrew Dunn Gwynne, b. 1839, 1, 18 in Londonerry, Ireland — m. 1859 Eliza A. Henderson
   1. William F. Gwynne — a Captain in military service in the Philippines.

Ref. Notable Men of Tennessee by John Allison, Vol. 2, p. 179

Table 41

DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM GUINN — TENNESSEE

m. Cornelia .....

I. John W. Guinn, b. 1857, d. 1921 — m. Margaret Morris, b. 1869
   1. Charles C. Guinn, b. 1898, 2, 11 in Polk County, Tennessee.

Ref. Tennessee, the Volunteer State — Polk County by A. P. Foster and J. T. Moore, Vol. 3, p. 288

Table 42

DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL GWYNN OF CASWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

The line of descent from Daniel Gwynn down to Mrs. Gwynn Campbell of Virginia is as follows:

1st Generation, Daniel Gwynn, b. 1751, d. 1829
2nd Generation, Zeri Gwynn, b. 1778, d. 1834
3rd Generation, Rice Gwynn, b. 1795, d. 1872
4th Generation, Zery V. Gwynn, b. 1842, d. 1910
5th Generation, Lena Gwynn Campbell, b. 1870

Ref. Happy Valley — Thomas F. Hickerson, p. 30

Table 43

DESCENDANTS OF RANSOME GWYN b. 1790 — d. 1872

Ransome Gwyn, first married Elizabeth Sheppard, b. 1796, d. 1834 — 2nd marriage to Margaret Davidson — 3rd marriage to Margaret Davidson (cousin of 2nd wife), who lived in Viola, Tennessee. He was 18 years old at the time of first marriage and 81 at the time of third marriage. Children of 1st marriage:

I. Adeline Gwyn, b. 1813, d. 1852 — m. 1831 Jesse Martin, b. 1807, d. 1863

II. James Gwyn m. Sarah Hickerson, d. 1835. Lived in Viola, Tennessee

III. Hugh Gwyn, b. 1818, d. 1873 — m. Mary Evans, b. 1828, d. 1913. Hugh Gwyn lived in Texas for some time but later returned to Viola, Tennessee

IV. Sarah Gwyn, d. 1851 — m. George Martin, brother of Jesse Martin who married Adeline Gwyn. Sarah and her husband lived near McMinnville, Tennessee

V. Amelia Gwyn, b. 1820, d. 1844 — m. David Coulson. After her death he moved to Texas

VI. Milton Gwyn, b. 1826, d. 1902 — m. 1857 Nannie Wood, b. 1836, d. 1935. They lived in Los Angeles, California

VII. Martha Jane Gwyn, b. 1834, d. 1894 — m. David Hampton Wooton

VIII. Romulus Gwyn, b. 1838, d. 1862

IX. Remus Gwyn, b. 1841

X. Julia Gwyn, b. 1843, d. 1922

Ref. Happy Valley — Thomas F. Hickerson

Table 44

DESCENDANTS OF SARAH GWYN
b. 1792 — d. 1834

She married Major Meredith Thurmond in 1807. They lived at "Round About" until 1830 and then moved to Grand Junction, Tennessee.

I. Thomas Thurmond, b. 1811, d. 1853 — m. Sarah Franklin

II. Julia Harrison Thurmond, b. 1813, d. 1866 — m. James Dickenson

III. Martha Caroline Thurmond, b. 1814, d. 1870 — m. Frank Carroll

IV. Meredith Milton Thurmond, b. 1819, d. 1903 — 1st m. Jane Lowe — 2nd m. Susan Lowe

V. Sarah Lenoir Thurmond, b. 1817, d. 1899 — m. 1833 Daniel Hunt, b. 1808, d. 1879. They lived in Ripley, Tennessee

VI. Amelia Thurmond m. Jesse Franklin

VII. Dewitt Clinton Thurmond, b. 1825, d. 1895

VIII. Richard Jackson Thurmond, b. 1828, d. 1907

Ref. Happy Valley — Thomas F. Hickerson

Table 45

DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD GWYN
b. 1796 — d. 1881

He married Elizabeth Martin Hunt, b. 1801, d. 1885. They were married in 1820 and lived at "Cedar Point," Elkin, North Carolina.

I. Ann Amelia Gwyn, b. 1821, d. 1859 — m. Columbus Bernard Franklin, d. 1865

II. Dr. James Daniel Gwyn, b. 1822, d. 1849

III. Richard Ransome Gwyn, b. 1825, d. 1894 — m. Mary Caroline Dickenson, b. 1835, d. 1921. They lived in Elkin, North Carolina

IV. William Alexander Gwyn, b. 1827, d. 1830

V. Hugh A. Gwyn, b. 1830, d. 1861 — m. Sarah Dickenson

VI. Sarah Leonora Gwyn, b. 1833, d. 1914 — m. 1857 Rufus Theodore Lenoir, b. 1825, d. 1912

VII. Nathan Hunt Gwyn, b. 1836, d. 1894 C.S.A. — m. 1875 Mary Moore, b. 1852, d. 1940

VIII. Enoch Newton Gwyn, b. 1836 — 1st m. Mary Jones — 2nd m. Elizabeth Meyers. No children of 2nd marriage

IX. Mary Elizabeth Gwyn, b. 1840, d. 1875 — m. 1863 Alexander Chatham, b. 1834, d. 1920

X. Thomas Lenoir Gwyn, b. 1842, d. 1934 C.S.A. — m. 1867 to Amelia Dickenson, b. 1843, d. 1917. They lived in Grayson County, Tennessee, and at Elkin, North Carolina.

Ref. Happy Valley — Thomas F. Hickerson

Table 46

DESCENDANTS OF LEAH GWYN
b. 1801 — d. 1881

She first married Thomas W. Mitchell of Mitchell River, North Carolina, and second married Col. Stephen Hale of Grayson County, Virginia.

Children of 1st marriage

I. Robert James Mitchell m. Ellen Coulton

II. Martha Gwyn Mitchell, b. 1821, m. 1841 Rev. Wiley Dickenson Hale of Grayson County, Virginia

III. Marion Mitchell m. Carolina Alexander

IV. Col. William Lane Mitchell, b. 1826, d. 1894 — m. 1st Isabelle Cornett, and 2nd m. Sarah Ann Buchanan

V. Thomas Wilson Mitchell, b. 1830 — m. Mary Brisco — moved to Fayette County, Texas in 1852
Children of 2nd marriage

VI. Caroline Hale, b. 1837, d. 1852

VII. James Gwyn Hale, b. 1842, d. 1860

Ref. Happy Valley — Thomas F. Hickerson

Table 47

DESCENDANTS OF HUGH GWYN
b. 1804 — d. 1885

He married Rosa B. Dickenson, b. 1811, d. 1891. They lived at "Idle Wild" near Mt. Airy, North Carolina.

I. Amelia Gwyn, b. 1830, d. 1912 — m. Mitchell B. Tate, b. 1823, d. 1892. They lived in Virginia.

II. James Gwyn, b. 1832, d. 1834

III. Caroline Myrtle Gwyn, b. 1834, d. 1883 — m. 1857 Capt. Robert Morgan Spear, b. 1827, d. 1896. They lived in Tarrant County, Texas.

IV. William Gwyn drowned in Texas

V. Martin D. Gwyn, b. 1838, d. 1923 — m. 1868 Mary McComas

VI. John Morehead Gwyn, b. 1840, d. 1908 — m. 1868 Sarah Agnes Crockett, b. 1845, d. 1890. Lived in Saltville, Virginia.

VII. Mary D. Gwyn, b. 1843, d. 1920 — m. Samuel Finley Harper, b. 1843, d. 1929

VIII. Sarah Jane Gwyn, b. 1845, d. 1922 — m. Wythe Bane Graham, b. 1840, d. 1912. Lived in Max Meadows, Virginia.

IX. Richard Littleton Gwyn, b. 1848, d. 1914 — m. 1879 Letitia Hollinsworth, b. 1855, d. 1934. They lived at "Idle Wild," North Carolina.

X. Hugh Gwyn, b. 1856, d. 1930 — m .Carrie Beatie

Ref. Happy Valley — Thomas F. Hickerson

Table 48

DESCENDANTS OF AMELIA GWYN
b. 1808 — d. 1857

She was married in 1827 to Major Lytle Hickerson, b. 1793, d. 1884. They lived in "Round About."

I. Charles Nepoleon Hickerson, b. 1829, d. 1915 — m. 1st Elizabeth Hunt — 2nd m. Sallie Richardson — 3rd m. Fannie Richardson

II. Jane Hickerson, b. 1831, d. 1864

III. James Hickerson, b. 1832, d. 1918 — M.D.

IV. Amelia Ann Hickerson, b. 1834, d. 1911 — m. 1867 Judge Rufus Martin, b. 1828, d. 1892

V. Ransome Gwyn Hickerson, b. 1836, d. 1922 — m. 1863 Charity Hart, b. 1842, d. 1935. Lived in Ronda, North Carolina.

VI. Lycurgus Hickerson, b. 1837, d. 1857

VII. John Calhoun Hickerson, b. 1838, d. 1876

VIII. Mary Lenoir Hickerson, b. 1842, d. 1920

IX. Sarah Thurmond Hickerson, b. 1843, d. 1897

X. Susan Dodge Hickerson, b. 1843 — m. John Finney Mathews of Van Buren, Arkansas.

XI. Alice Harris Hickerson, b. 1848, d. 1931 — m. Alexander Chatham, b. 1834, d. 1920

XII. Emma Hickerson, b. 1848

XIII. Lyle Hickerson, Jr., b. 1850, d. 1922 — m. 1875 Elizabeth May Glenn, b. 1853, d. 1923. Lived in Batesville, Arkansas

XIV. Myrtle Hickerson, b. 1852, d. 1920. Lived in Elkin, North Carolina.

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Table 49

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES GWYN, II
b. 1812 — d. 1888

In 1839 he married Mary Lenoir, b. 1819, d. 1899. They were cousins. They lived at "Green Hill" near Ronda, North Carolina.

I. Sarah Lenoir Gwyn, b. 1841, d. 1894

II. Amelia Selina Gwyn, b. 1844, d. 1918 — m. Col. Hamilton Allen Brown in 1869

III. Julia Pickens Gwyn, b. 1845, d. 1904 — m. 1880 to Dr. William A. Lowe

IV. Mary Gwyn, b. 1848, d. 1932

V. James M. Gwyn, b. 1850, d. 1913 — m. 1874 to Amelia Harper Foster, b. 1853, d. 1935

VI. Walter Ballard Gwyn, b. 1853, d. 1911 — m. 1877 Helen C. Cunningham of Danville, Virginia

VII. Laura Norwood Gwyn, b. 1854, d. 1915

VIII. Leonora Gwyn, b. 1856, d. 1934

IX. William Avery Gwyn, b. 1858, d. 1932

X. Annie Joyce Gwyn, b. 1861, d. 1937 — m. 1889 Rev. Vardry McBee, d. 1938

XI. Catherine Louisa Gwyn, b. 1863, d. 1919

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Table 50

DESCENDANTS OF SARAH GWYN
b. 1798 — d. 1889

First m. 1820 to Nathaniel Gorden — 2nd m. Hamilton Brown. They lived in Wilksboro, North Carolina.

Children of 1st marriage

I. Martha Lenoir Gordon, b. 1821, d. 1898 — m. Augustus Washington Finley

II. Gen. James Byron Gordon, b. 1822, d. 1864 C.S.A. (mortally wounded in battle near Richmond, Virginia)

III. Sarah Ann Gordon, b. 1826, d. 1907 — m. 1846 John Tate Finley

IV. Caroline Louise Gordon, b. 1828, d. 1891 — m. Dr. R. F. Hackett
Children of 2nd marriage

V. Capt. Hugh Brown, b. 1835, d. 1861 C.S.A.

VI. Col. Hamilton A. Brown, b. 1837, d. 1917

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Table 51

DESCENDANTS OF CAROLINE GWYN
d. 1880

She married James Harvey Gordon in 1823. They lived in Huntsville, Alabama.

Children

I. Richard Oscar Gordon, b. 1824, d. 1862 — m. 1850 Harriet Young Price. He was Captain in C.S.A.

II. William Law Gordon, b. 1830, d. 1908. Captain in C.S.A. — m. in 1862 Emma Hurt

III. Mary Elizabeth Gordon, b. 1833, d. 1896 — m. Henry Augustus Russell, b. 1832, d. 1916

IV. Dr. Charles Peyton Gordon, b. 1837, d. 1910 — He was Captain in C.S.A.

V. Rebecca Gordon m. Judge Leander Cook, d. in 1863. He was Major in C.S.A.

VI. Octavia Gordon m. Charles Maner, b. 1854, d. 1916

VII. Nellie Gordon, b. 1843, d. 1861

VIII. Caroline Harvey Gordon, b. 1845, d. 1936 — m. Josiah F. Bass of Rome, Georgia

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